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# Navy won't confirm any punishment in hazing scandal

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*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — Two years after naval investigators uncovered a hazing scandal inside a Bahrain-based canine unit, including numerous cases of violent attacks and sex crimes, officials can't say whether anyone was ever disciplined or demoted.

Naval investigators have confirmed 93 instances of hazing within the Bahrain Military Working Dogs Division. One sailor, who several times was forced to simulate oral sex on other men, was later kicked out of the Navy for being gay. Another committed suicide after being charged with failing to stop the abuse.

But naval officials say that as far as they are concerned, the case is closed, an embarrassing one-time problem that is now completely in the past.

"This case does not reflect who we are as a Navy," said Capt. William Fenick, spokesman for the Navy's installations command headquarters. "We believe it was an isolated incident."

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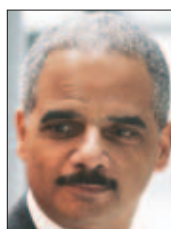
**Command Sgt. Maj. Teresa King, 48, questions soldiers during an inspection of the barracks at Fort Jackson, S.C., on Tuesday. This year the Drill Sergeant School at Fort Jackson will churn out about 2,000 of the in-your-face instructors.**

## Justice Department's torture inquiry narrows

BY CARRIE JOHNSON,  
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*The Washington Post*

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department's review of detainee abuse by the CIA will focus on a very small number of cases, including at least one where an Afghan prisoner died at a secret facility, according to two sources briefed on the matter.

On Friday, seven former CIA directors urged President Barack Obama to end the inquiry, arguing that it would inhibit intelligence operations in the future and demoralize agency employees who believed they already had been cleared by previous investigators.

**Holder**

sion to reopen the criminal investigation creates an atmosphere of continuous jeopardy for those whose cases the Department of Justice had previously declined to prosecute," the directors wrote.

**Holder**

concrete floor without blankets, according to the sources. The man died in the cold night at a secret CIA facility north of Kabul, known as the Salt Pit.

The November 2002 episode at the Salt Pit, and the significant details about the case that remain murky, highlight the challenges facing prosecutor John Durham, named by Holder to consider whether to launch a full-scale criminal investigation into agency interrogators who may have broken the law during the Bush years.

Holder made his decision in part because of new, unspecified elements that came to light since the cases were investigated years ago, according to one of the sources.

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## Saints' Brees has quietly become one of the NFL's best passers

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"I have one chance to do it, and if I don't get it right, that soldier could not survive on the battlefield."**

— Command Sgt. Maj. Teresa King, on her new role as the head of the Army's Drill Sergeant School. King will be the first woman to take command of the school.

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# Hazing: No records of disciplinary action

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But for former Petty Officer 3rd Class Joseph Christopher Rocha, the Navy's reluctance to dispense justice — especially to the sailor he says led the abuse — means the closed case remains an open wound.

Shortly after the investigation, he admitted to commanders that he is gay.

"The Navy has failed to get a single charge out, stick to [the ringleader], but I got kicked out," he said. "I couldn't lie anymore about who I was."

More than a dozen sailors from the unit were implicated in an investigator's report that detailed attempted rapes, frequent visits by prostitutes, beatings of younger sailors and other illegal activities between 2004 and 2006. Fenick told Stars and Stripes that by the time the investigator's report was issued, most of the offenders had moved on to other assignments.

New commanders of any sailors involved were made aware of the report, and had the authority to issue demotions or further punishment as a result of the crimes. But Fenick said the Navy did not track whether any were punished, and it will not release personnel records that might show whether anyone was held accountable.

Naval officials would not say whether any charges were brought against the offenders.

But Rocha said he knows of two who were charged: the alleged ringleader and Petty Officer 1st Class Jennifer Valdivia, who was the unit's second in command.

Rocha said he was scheduled to testify against the alleged ringleader in late 2007 when charges were dropped without explanation. Valdivia committed suicide in January 2007, days after being accused of silently allowing the behavior to continue.

Rocha called that another injustice. "She had no power to stop them," he said. "She was humiliated in front of us if she put up any objections."

Fenick could not confirm any details of any charges leveled against Valdivia, but said officials did conduct a separate investigation that confirmed suicide as the cause of her death. Investigators did not speculate as to her motive.

The commander in charge of the Bahrain unit at the time of the hazing incidents did not lose his job and was recently promoted to senior chief, Navy documents show.

Rocha, who still receives counseling for stress disorders related to the abuse, said he believes the Navy failed him and a number of other sailors by mishandling the case.

The investigation report details several times when sailors, including Rocha, were forced to simulate gay sex acts on other men,

both during public training sessions and as punishment for mistakes. In another instance, two women in the division were handcuffed to a bed and forced to imitate lesbian sex while other sailors videotaped them.

The hazing scandal came to light recently after several victims of the abuse were interviewed by Youth Radio — a nonprofit news outlet which trains teens in video and audio production. The investigator's report, released by the news outlet, shows that in one incident Rocha was hog-tied, fed dog food and tossed into a dog kennel full of feces.

In other cases, it says, male sailors invited prostitutes on base for parties. One male sailor tried to force his way into a female shower unit.

A 2007 letter from Navy Installations Command leader Vice Adm. Bob Conway referenced the canine unit problems and warned that hazing "has no place" in the Navy. Fenick called what the investigation found "an ugly issue," but one that the Navy did not try to hide.

"This was addressed with the regional commanders, the importance of leadership being aware of what's going on," he said. "So we believe [the Navy] acted swiftly to identify the issues of hazing and deal with them."

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# CIA: Justice Department's torture probe narrows

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The attorney general has played down expectations for the inquiry, issuing a statement last month saying that, "Neither the opening of a preliminary review nor, if evidence warrants it, the commencement of a full investigation, means that charges will necessarily follow."

While earlier reports indicated that Durham would look into 10 cases, a source said recently that the number is much smaller. In

all, 24 alleged abuse cases were earlier referred to federal prosecutors by the CIA inspector general, of which 22 were declined, according to a letter in February 2008 from a Justice Department legislative liaison.

Only one person, former CIA contractor David A. Passaro, has been convicted in connection with detainee mistreatment, after Passaro hit an Afghan captive with a flashlight. The captive, Abdul Wali, later died, but Passaro was not charged with murder. Instead the contractor faced a less serious charge of assault because of the difficulty in directly attributing Wali's death to the beating.

In rejecting the other cases, Justice Department officials at the time cited complications, including a lack of evidence, problems with jurisdiction, and "low probability of conviction," according to a letter sent to Senate Democrats, who had demanded information about the investigations. One government lawyer involved in the

reviews later called the evidence "a mess" and said that material collected on battlefields and in secret prison sites was difficult to translate into a criminal case, which requires proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

CIA officials have noted that all of the allegations of detainee mistreatment had previously been evaluated by an aggressive team of federal prosecutors, who declined to file criminal charges, after which some CIA employees were subjected to internal discipline.

"The CIA is cooperating with the official reviews now in progress, in part to see that they move as expeditiously as possible," agency spokesman Paul Gimigliano said.

The Salt Pit case was first referred to the Justice Department by CIA officials five years ago, but prosecutors concluded at the time that the Afghan prison was outside the arm of the U.S. law, even though it was funded by the

CIA and its home-country guards had been vetted by the agency.

It was also unclear to investigators whether the detainee would have died from injuries sustained in his capture, rather than by freezing. Hypothermia was listed as the cause of death on an autopsy, but the body was not available to investigators and questions remain whether hypothermia was used as a cover story in part to protect people who had beaten the captive.

A senior law enforcement official who took part in the review confirmed that out of two dozen referrals, the Salt Pit episode was only one of two or three cases close to being considered for criminal indictment.

Holder said last month that he based his decision to open the inquiry in part because of a still secret ethics report, which examines the conduct of Justice Department lawyers who drafted memos blessing harsh interrogation tactics.

## Correction

A Sept. 19 story about a free clinic on child support issues on Okinawa should have said the clinic will be held at the Fry International Law office in Okinawa City, Monday, Sept. 28, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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# Army searching for Rising Star

By SETH ROBSON  
Stars and Stripes

GRAFENWÖHR, Germany — Soldiers all over the world are once again competing in Operation Rising Star to find the best singer in the Army.

The annual American Idol-style competition is open to active-duty, National Guard and Reserve servicemembers and military dependents over 18.

Preliminary rounds are currently going on in Germany, Italy, South Korea, Japan, Iraq and the U.S., according to the Operation Rising Star Web site.

During the early rounds, expert judges and audience members will pick winners.

Then, judges will assess videos of the winners' performances to select 12 finalists, who will travel to the States in November for the semifinals and finals, which will air live on the Pentagon Channel.

Dozens of performers took the stage at the Grafenwöhr Performing Arts Center last week for one of the preliminary rounds. A large audience cheered and judges listened closely as singers entertained them with gospel, soul, rhythm and blues, and country music.

One of the performers, Capt. Jermaine Goodman, 25, of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Squadron, 2nd

## Audition locations

Sept. 19 and 25:  
Baumholder, Germany  
Sept. 19 and 26: Torii  
Station, Japan  
Sept. 28: Camp  
Humphreys, South Korea

Stryker Cavalry Regiment, sang "It's So Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday."

Goodman said he recorded "Letters from Iraq," an album of 18 original rhythm and blues, soul and gospel songs, while he was deployed to the desert with 2nd Cav from 2007 to 2008.

"Each song (on the album) is a letter home or a letter from a friend. The first song and the most memorable one I wrote was called 'Letters from Iraq.' It was like a will and testament. If I didn't come back from Iraq at least I had these songs," said the young officer, who plays organ at his church in Vilseck, Germany.

Winners of the Grafenwöhr competition were to be announced on Friday night.

The winner of the Armywide Operation Rising Star competition will get a trip to Los Angeles to record a three-song CD in a professional recording studio.

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## Handing over the colors



Lt. Gen. Richard C. Zilmer, left, passes the organizational colors to Lt. Gen. Terry G. Robling during the III Marine Expeditionary Force change-of-command ceremony Friday at Camp Foster.



JOE GROMELSKI/Stars and Stripes

Jan Scruggs, founder and president of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, stands next to a photo of Army 1st Lt. Jonathan Shine, who was killed in Vietnam in 1970.

## Center pairs Vietnam names, faces

By JOE GROMELSKI  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Chuck Hagel held up a 40-year-old photograph of a soldier in Vietnam, and talked about the young man from Buffalo, N.Y., who "instructed all of us on noodle preparation and macaroni and some of the finer fare that you get" in an Italian-American community. "Occasionally he would somehow get a bottle of fairly decent red wine. He had many skills, I can tell you that."

The soldier in the photo, Spec. 4 Tony Palumbo of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division, fought through the Tet Offensive in early 1968, but was killed when the Viet Cong renewed its attack in May of that year. Hagel and his brother, Tom, were both wounded in action in Vietnam, earning five Purple Heart medals between them, but they survived to become a two-term U.S. senator from Nebraska and a law professor, respectively.

They still think about their friend Tony, which is why Chuck Hagel brought the photo to a news conference last week to scan it into a database for the proposed Education Center at the wall.

The two-story underground center, to be located west of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the National Mall, will prominently feature photos of the 58,261 servicemembers whose names are on the memorial. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund has teamed up with FedEx on a campaign to secure the photos; workers at more than 1,600 FedEx Office Print and Ship Centers across the country will be ready to scan pictures of the fallen. Photos can also be uploaded through the Web at [www.vvmfcenter.org](http://www.vvmfcenter.org).

"I hope that today's launch will inspire us to seek out and bring to light the faces and stories of all the names on the wall," said Colleen Shine, whose father, Air Force Lt. Col. Anthony Shine, and uncle, Army 1st Lt. Jonathan Shine, both died in Vietnam.

"Faces to names" is how Peter Holt, chairman

of the education center's building committee and owner of the NBA's San Antonio Spurs, said.

"It personalizes it," Hagel said. "Any time you personalize anything, it always has a deeper emotional ring to it and tie to it when you see a face and understand a person's life and have some personal dimension. 'It brings out a certain humanity that oftentimes gets lost in this town,' Hagel added. 'This town is about abstractions. We talk about policy, committing a nation to war, foreign policy. It rarely gets down much deeper than that, as to the consequences, as to who fights a war, the human tragedy, the great suffering, the great loss.'"

To upload photos of fallen servicemembers who served in Vietnam, go to

[www.vvmfcenter.org](http://www.vvmfcenter.org)

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To see video of the photo project launch event, go to

[www.stripes.com/go/wallphotos](http://www.stripes.com/go/wallphotos)

interest," he said.

"For me, the focus on values of what military service has meant to this great democracy of ours, going all the way back to Bunker Hill, is as important" in the education center, said Holt, who served with 54 men whose names are on the wall.

"I think it's a broader scope. ... The wall is a wonderful thing, but we really don't want this to be Vietnam Wall II, for lack of a better term."

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## 'Race the Base' event in need of volunteers

TOKYO — Volunteers are needed for Misawa Air Base's "Race the Base" on Sunday.

Entries have maxed out to more than 800 runners who have signed up for the event, according to a release. Elementary or middle-school students will walk or run a 3K or 5K route. High school-age students and

adults can participate in a 5K, 10K or half marathon race. The race starts and finishes off base at American Park, and will run through the base. To volunteer, call Staff Sgt. Jacqueline Salcido at DSN 226-9987.

## Misawa seeks help with Special Olympics

TOKYO — Organizers for the Special Olympics at Misawa Air

Base need volunteers for the Oct. 3 event. More than 80 Japanese children are expected to participate, said base spokeswoman Staff Sgt. Rachel Martinez. The day's events will start at 10 a.m. in Hanger 949.

To volunteer, contact Tech. Sgt. Tavio Soto at [tavio.soto@misawa.af.mil](mailto:tavio.soto@misawa.af.mil) or Tech. Sgt. Larry Goodwin at [larry.goodwin@misawa.af.mil](mailto:larry.goodwin@misawa.af.mil).

From staff reports



# Woman is first to lead Army drill sergeants

BY SUSANNE M. SCHAFER  
The Associated Press

FORT JACKSON, S.C. — Command Sgt. Maj. Teresa King can dress down a burly, battle-hardened sergeant in seconds with a sharp phrase and a withering look, then turn around and tell trainee soldiers to be sure they get seven hours of sleep.

As the first woman to take charge of the Army's school for its order-barking drill sergeants, the 28-year military veteran and sharecropper's daughter said she's used to breaking down barriers in military roles normally reserved for men.

"It's so easy because I love it," said King, a single, 48-year-old North Carolina native. "I have a family in the Army. It is my family."

The stern discipline dispensed by her late father to his 12 children set her on a path of taking responsibility for herself and her siblings early on, King said during a recent interview on the Army's training base next to Columbia.

She learned to "give a hard day's work for whatever I earned and take no short cuts," said King, who enjoys passing her values to young soldiers and watching them grow into senior officers and enlisted men and women.

Lt. Col. Dave Wood, King's battalion commander, said she was chosen for her approach to "the

business of taking civilians and making them into soldiers."

Gone are the days of two decades ago, Wood said, when his drill sergeant made him clean wax off a floor with a razor blade or run around the barracks loaded down with a full duffel bag.

"She's got this unique way of dealing with soldiers where she can be correcting them, but it's in a manner that they're wanting to please her and wanting to do the right thing," he said. "It's not degrading to them."

King takes over command of the Drill Sergeant School on Tuesday at Fort Jackson, the Army's largest training installation. This year the school will churn out about 2,000 of the in-your-face instructors.

The tough love approach comes through as King conducted her barracks inspections and daily "walkabout" to meet with senior enlisted men and women on a recent weekday.

A touch of bright red lipstick and kohl-dark eyeliner doesn't soften her stern gaze when she spots a sheet corner not properly tucked or a young soldier with a uniform askew.

"What's going on here?" she queries, soldiers jumping to attention as she enters a room as they relax between classes on becoming finance clerks or legal aides. "Get back to school and get back to doing something!"

King's face softened once she determined one soldier in exercise gear wasn't goofing off, but just back from the dentist and a root canal. "Get some rest, soldier," she advised the woman with a swollen face and jaw.

"You all make sure you get your seven, seven hours of sleep!" King



MARY ANN CHASTAIN/AP

**Command Sgt. Maj. Teresa King dresses down 1st Sgt. Teddy Johnson, left, during a barracks inspection on Tuesday at Fort Jackson, S.C. King is the first woman to take command of the Army's Drill Sergeant School at Fort Jackson, the Army's largest training installation.**

said before heading out the door.

King's inspection companion, 1st Sgt. Teddy Johnson, said with a relieved grin that a day without King's stern critiques "wouldn't be a normal day. ... She's always that way."

Still, she has time for a few other pursuits. She's completed one master's degree in business management and is working on another in theology, saying she enjoys studying issues of leadership in the Bible.

King's elevation marks another barrier broken in a still male-dominated service of 550,000

soldiers, of which only about 14 percent are female.

There were few women training alongside men when she first entered the military in 1980, just out of high school. Several years later, she was chosen to train as a drill sergeant.

King rose to become the first female first sergeant named to oversee the heart and soul of Army warfighters: the headquarters company of the 18th Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, N.C., where she was responsible for 500 paratroopers, 22 sergeants major, 22 colonels and three general officers.

She's served in South Korea and Europe and held jobs at NATO and the Pentagon.

While opportunities for women have increased over the past two decades, they are still excluded from assignments where soldiers engage in direct combat, such as infantry and tank units.

Yet modern-day battlefields in Iraq and Afghanistan have shown that front lines no longer exist, and even accountants or medics in the rear can find themselves in the heat of battle.

She's pleased that her rise should help others, she says.

## Some soldiers finding a path from service to citizenship

BY ALEXANDRA ZAVIS  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Looking more like a student than a soldier, Abhinab, a 25-year-old man from India, snapped his heels together and stood at attention in front of an American flag. He raised his right hand and pledged to defend the United States against all enemies.

The enlistment ceremony earlier in September at a military center near Los Angeles International Airport took less than five minutes. With that, Abhinab became the 101st person in Los Angeles to join the U.S. Army under a program that significantly increases the number of immigrants eligible to serve.

"I think I'm in seventh heaven," Abhinab said.

The Army requested that the new American's full name not be published because it might put him or his family members who live outside the U.S. at risk.

Until recently, Abhinab, with a master's degree from Purdue University in Indiana, would not have been permitted to sign up. He came to the U.S. on a student visa, and only citizens or permanent residents who carry green



JAY L. CLENDENIN/Los Angeles Times

**Lt. Col. Somport Jongwatana, commander of the Army's Los Angeles Recruiting Battalion, swears in two recruits under a pilot program allowing immigrants who do not have a green card to join the military.**

cards were eligible to join the armed forces.

That changed in February when the Army started taking applications from foreigners with specific language and medical skills who are here on temporary visas or as refugees or asylum seekers.

Although all branches are meet-

ing or exceeding their recruitment goals, they have struggled to find individuals with critical skills needed in Iraq, Afghanistan and beyond, officials said.

In exchange for military service, the foreign recruits — who offer skills it would take years to teach — get an expedited path to

citizenship.

Since the pilot program began in New York, expanding to Los Angeles in May, the foreign recruits have included 34 health care professionals and 385 people who speak languages such as Arabic, Polish and Swahili.

More than 69 percent of them

have at least a bachelor's degree, compared with just under 10 percent for the Army as a whole.

More than 200 slots remain for recruits with language skills. On Aug. 31, Army recruiters in Atlanta, Chicago and Dallas also began taking applications from qualified foreigners proficient in any of 35 languages. Spanish is not on the list. Health care workers can apply at any Army recruiting station in the U.S. An additional 110 slots are earmarked for other military branches.

The Navy, which is taking applications only for medical posts, signed up its first recruit in August in Houston.

The pilot program has raised concerns among some war veterans and advocates for tighter immigration controls, who worry that the policy shift could pave the way for large numbers of foreigners, including ones who may not have entered the country legally, to join the armed forces. Still, Army officials say they have not encountered the resistance some had anticipated.

"People seem to recognize that these are folks who want to serve, and I think people respect service," Verdugo said.

# Taliban say U.S. should learn from war history

By JASON STRAZIUSO  
The Associated Press

KABUL — The Taliban's reclusive leader said in a Muslim holiday message Saturday that the U.S. and NATO should study Afghanistan's long history of war, in a pointed reminder that foreign forces have had limited military success in the country.

The message from Mullah Omar comes less than a month before the eighth anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan to oust the Taliban for hosting al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden. This year has been the deadliest of the conflict for U.S. and NATO troops, and political support at home for the war is declining.

Taliban attacks have spiked around Afghanistan in the last three years, and the militants now control wide swaths of territory. In his message for the upcoming Muslim holiday of Eid al-Fitr, which ends the fasting month of Ramadan, Omar said the U.S. and NATO should study the history of Alexander the Great, whose forces were defeated by Pashtun tribesmen in the 4th century.

"We would like to point out that we fought against the British invaders for 80 years from 1839 to 1919 and ultimately got independence by defeating" Britain, a statement attributed to Omar said.

"Today we have strong determination, military training and effective weapons. Still more, we have preparedness for a long war and the regional situation is in our favor. Therefore, we



MAYA ALLERUZZO/AP

**Army Pfc. Lance Kenison, 24, left, and Spc. Justin Wroblewski, 25, work on fortifying their combat outpost in the Jalrez Valley in Afghanistan's Wardak province on Saturday. Kenison, of Helena, Mont., and Wroblewski, of Belmont, N.C., are assigned to the 118th Military Police Company, based at Fort Bragg, N.C.**

will continue to wage jihad until we gain independence and force the invaders to pull out," it said. The statement's authenticity could not be verified but it was posted on a Web site the Taliban frequently uses.

Omar is believed to be in hiding in Pakistan but hasn't been seen in years.

President Barack Obama has increased the U.S. focus on Afghanistan after what critics say were years of neglect under the Bush administration. Obama ordered 21,000 more troops to the country this year, and by year's end the U.S. will have a record 68,000 in the country.

Militant ambushes have become increasingly sophisticated and deadly, and U.S. troops say the Taliban is no longer the ragtag force the military first faced in late 2001. Civilian deaths and a corrupt Afghan government have

turned many toward the militants, who have pushed into northern Afghanistan this year for the first time.

The Danish military said Saturday that one of its soldiers was killed after militants fired on troops on patrol in the southern province of Helmand. Denmark has lost 25 soldiers in Afghanistan since it joined the U.S.-led coalition in 2002. Separately, Hungarian officials said a suicide attacker drove a vehicle into a Hungarian convoy in the northern city of Pul-e-Khumri. No troops were killed.

Al-Qaida posted a new video last week threatening that if Germans do not push their political parties to withdraw the country's soldiers from Afghanistan, "there will be a rude awakening after the elections." Germany holds national elections Sept. 27.

## Ambassador: Pakistan won't target extremists

By SAEED SHAH  
McClatchy Newspapers

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Despite growing U.S. military losses in Afghanistan, Pakistan still refuses to target the extremist groups on its soil that are the biggest threat to the American-led mission there, the U.S. ambassador to Pakistan said.

Eight years after Washington and Islamabad agreed to fight the Taliban and al-Qaida, Pakistan has "different priorities" from the U.S., Anne Patterson said in a recent interview. Pakistan is "certainly reluctant to take action" against the leadership of the Afghan insurgency.

As the war in Afghanistan becomes more brutal — and as its political and popular support wanes in the U.S. — Pakistan's refusal to act in support of American goals is undermining the U.S. effort to deny al-Qaida and other extremist groups a sanctuary in Afghanistan.

The most effective Taliban fighters, the Haqqani network of veteran Afghan jihadist Jalaluddin Haqqani and his son Sirajuddin, operate out of the North Waziristan region of Pakistan's tribal territory. Taliban founder Mullah Mohammad Omar is widely thought to be based in the western Pakistani city of Quetta, from which he directs the insurgency.

Experts on the Afghanistan war think that military progress and political stability won't be possible there unless the government roots out the havens the insurgents have established in western Pakistan.

Pakistani officials, however, say that their country's priority should be to tackle Islamic militants who threaten Pakistan. They charge that the U.S. is blind to Pakistan's concerns over traditional foe India as it presses Pakistan to redeploy forces from its eastern border with India to the western border with Afghanistan.

The disagreement between Washington and Islamabad was illustrated starkly last week when former President Pervez Musharraf acknowledged in a television interview that he'd diverted American military equipment that was meant to fight the Taliban in western Pakistan for use against India. "One doesn't care who one crosses," Musharraf told Pakistan's Express News.

In testimony Tuesday before Congress, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Michael Mullen, said: "The Pakistani military ... consider their principal threat — their existential threat — to be Indian, not these extremists."

While Pakistan and the U.S. agree on targeting al-Qaida and, more recently, the Taliban Movement of Pakistan, they strongly disagree over action against Afghan insurgents operating from Pakistani territory.

Nevertheless, Patterson said that Pakistan had "taken more action against some of these groups than most people are aware of."

## Afghan boy treated by U.S. medics goes home

By KEVIN MAURER  
The Associated Press

DAY KUNDI PROVINCE, Afghanistan — The Afghan father left the mountains on foot, carrying his 2-year-old son, but the health clinic could not treat the skull fracture that blinded the toddler and immobilized his left side. By chance the next day, two American medics stopped by the clinic in Day Kundi province to check on another patient.

The rooftop fall that cracked Malik's skull Aug. 19 set in motion a chain of events that took the boy from his remote village to the U.S. military hospital in Kandahar, where doctors patched the tear in his brain and replaced the bone. On Saturday, his crescent-shaped wound healed, Malik — the baby in the family of five children — headed home with his father, Khodadad.



ALEX BRANDON/AP

**Malik, 2, lays on his bed as a Special Forces soldier prepares to remove the 33 staples from his head in Afghanistan on Thursday.**

Khodadad carried Malik out to the gray truck hired to drive the rocky roads of central Afghanistan back to Ashtarlay, a northern district of Day Kundi. But for Khodadad, who traveled 50 miles in the first futile effort to reach the Afghan clinic, the return was worth every uncomfortable bump.

"God answered our prayers," Khodadad said. "God sent someone to save my son."

Josh, one of the medics who treated Malik and arranged to

evacuate him to Kandahar, said the boy's father lights up every time he sees the Americans. The medics only give their first names for security reasons and as part of the Special Forces embed rules.

Lt. Col. James Miller, commander of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group, said the resolve of the U.S. medics to treat the child "demonstrates we mean what we say."

"And at the end of the day, the boy needed help," Miller said.

On Friday, his vision and move-

*"At some point somebody will be working in that village, and hopefully they will say these are the guys that helped that baby."*

Josh

U.S. Special Forces medic

ment restored, Malik was kicking around a soccer ball — and using both sides of his body as he played.

Josh and Khodadad shook hands Saturday — and Josh got a high-five from Malik. The father touched his heart and thanked Josh repeatedly before climbing into the truck, driving away as the medic looked on from the front gate of the team's base in Day Kundi.

"When Malik goes home, that is a village of mainly poor people. This will be their only memory of Americans," he said. "At some point somebody will be working in that village, and hopefully they will say these are the guys that helped that baby."



## IN THE WORLD

# U.S.-linked firm raided by police in Pakistan

By MUNIR AHMAD AND NAHAL TOOSI  
The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Pakistani police raided a local security firm that helps protect the U.S. Embassy on Saturday, seizing dozens of allegedly unlicensed weapons at a time when unusually intense media scrutiny of America's use of private contractors has deepened anti-U.S. sentiment.

Two employees of the Inter-Risk company were arrested during the raids in Islamabad, police official Rana Akram said. Reporters were shown the seized weapons — 61 assault rifles and nine pistols. Akram said police were seeking the firm's owner.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Rick Snelsire said the U.S. contract with Inter-Risk to provide security at the embassy and consulates took effect this year. It is believed to be the first U.S. contract for the firm, said Snelsire, who did not have a figure for its amount.

"Our understanding is they obtained licenses with whatever they brought into the



ANJUM NAVEED/AP

**Weapons are displayed in a police station in Islamabad on Saturday. Sixty-one assault rifles and nine pistols were seized from a security firm that helps protect the U.S. Embassy, a police official said. Two of the firm's employees were arrested, as well.**

country to meet the contractual needs," he said. "We told the government that we had a contract with Inter-Risk."

A man who answered the phone number listed for the company and identified himself as Riaz Hussain confirmed the raid but gave contradictory answers when asked about any U.S. ties.

The company popped up Friday in one of a slew of local media reports that have focused on private security firms American diplomats are believed to use in Pakistan.

Many of the reports in Pakistan have been prompted by U.S. plans to expand its embassy space and staff. Among the other rumors the U.S. denies: that 1,000 U.S. Marines will land in the capital, and that Americans will set up a Guantanamo-style prison.

The U.S. says it needs to add hundreds more staff to allow it to disburse billions of dollars in additional humanitarian and economic aid to Pakistan. The goal is to improve education and other areas, lessening the allure of extremism.

## Iran detains protestors from opposition rallies

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's official news agency says police detained several protestors after Friday's massive demonstrations.

The spokesman of Tehran police department, Colonel Mahdi Ahmadi, said Saturday that "several" people were detained for throwing rocks at police and setting motorcycles on fire, according to IRNA.

No exact number was given for the detentions.

On Friday, thousands of anti-government protestors staged counterdemonstrations to the official pro-Palestinian rallies of Jerusalem day.

It was the first major opposition protests in two months.

## Alleged murder weapon shown in Italian court

PERUGIA, Italy — A knife that prosecutors say could have slain a British woman in Italy has been shown in court at the murder trial of her American roommate and an Italian co-defendant.

The knife, wrapped in plastic and kept in a white box, was shown to the eight-member jury in Perugia during the trial of Amanda Knox and her former boyfriend Raffaele Sollecito.

Knox and Sollecito, both watched Saturday as the knife was brought in. They have pleaded not guilty in the 2007 stabbing death of Meredith Kercher.

The knife was shown during the testimony of forensic expert Giancarlo Umani Ronchi, part of a team that analyzed some of the evidence during the investigation.

## Court clerks trade cab fares for bus passes

MADRID — The government of Spain's Andalusia region says it will save two thirds of its \$4.4 million yearly cab budget by having clerks rough it on public transport as they deliver court papers to plaintiffs and defendants.

Many of the court's 1,500 officers have been furious since the justice minister ushered in the austerity measure two weeks ago. Some say they used to be able to do 20 judicial errands in a day, but having to take the bus cuts that down to seven or eight.

From The Associated Press

# Military strikes target al-Qaida's international power base

By PAISLEY DODDS  
The Associated Press

LONDON — Recent targeted attacks that killed militants in Somalia, Indonesia and Pakistan have chipped away at al-Qaida's power base, sapping the terror network of key leaders and experienced operatives who train recruits and wage attacks.

Intelligence officials said Friday that the military strikes have reduced al-Qaida's core leadership to only a handful of men and diminished its ability to train fighters. This, they said, has forced al-Qaida to turn to its global affiliates for survival.



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the latest blow.

A U.S. counterterrorism official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak on the sub-

The killings of Saleh Ali Saleh Nabhan in Somalia, Noordin Muhammed Top in Indonesia and Baitullah Mehsud in Pakistan — all in recent weeks — have been

ject, said the deaths deal "a major near-term blow to their respective militant groups."

Since the start of the year, American forces have stepped up strikes against militants in terrorist hubs, including Pakistan and Somalia. U.S. National Intelligence Director Dennis Blair said last week that such strikes have been possible because of a greater understanding of al-Qaida.

British intelligence agents have joined the United States in stepping up counterterrorism measures and adding agents, leading to fewer fully developed terrorist plots being uncovered in Britain. Still, al-Qaida's top leaders

— Osama bin Laden and his No. 2, Ayman al-Zawahiri — remain free, and terrorist bombings continue to roil countries from Asia to Africa as al-Qaida and the Taliban establish links with satellite groups.

Last week, suicide bombers in Somalia killed 21 people, including 17 peacekeepers, in twin attacks at an African Union base in Mogadishu. The attacks were said to be in retaliation for the U.S. commando raid Monday in southern Somalia that killed Nabhan — the leader of the Islamist group Al-Shabab, which was helping al-Qaida expand deeper into the Horn of Africa.

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## IN THE STATES

# Colo. man misses 4th day of FBI questioning

By STEVEN K. PAULSON

The Associated Press

DENVER — A man under investigation in a terrorism probe in New York and Colorado apparently didn't report for a fourth day of FBI questioning Saturday.

Najibullah Zazi had been scheduled to go to the Federal Building in Denver on Saturday. But Wendy Aiello, a spokeswoman for Zazi's defense team, told The Associated Press that Zazi and his attorney contacted the FBI to cancel the meeting.

"They are meeting as client and attorney to review the case and the entire situation," Aiello said. "Further meetings with the FBI are not being ruled out."

"I do know that Mr. Zazi is very tired," she added.

The FBI had no immediate comment.

Zazi's defense team has denied reports that Zazi was considering a plea deal related to terror charges.

"At this time no offer is being discussed," Aiello told The Associated Press late Friday.

Zazi, a 24-year-old airport shuttle driver, insists he is not involved in terrorism and has no links to al-Qaida. He is not under arrest. He completed a third day of questioning Friday and was allowed to return to his suburban Denver apartment.

Folsom had dismissed as "rumor" remarks by a senior U.S. intelligence official in Washington that Zazi played a crucial role in an intended terrorist attack.

The official told the AP on Friday that Zazi has indicated he is directly linked with al-Qaida. The official, who spoke on con-

dition of anonymity in order to discuss intelligence matters, said Zazi played a crucial role in an intended terrorist attack but that it was not immediately clear what the targets were.

The official said the plot was being directed from outside the United States.

"Absolutely no way. It's a rumor," Folsom said Friday.

FBI agents in Denver questioned Zazi's father, Mohammed Zazi, on Friday about his son's background, said attorney Armstrong Graham.

Asked by reporters if his son

was frightened, Mohammed Zazi said: "If you don't have anything, why would you be scared?" He refused to answer more questions.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder insisted Friday there was no immediate danger. "There are no imminent threats, on the basis of what we have uncovered," Holder said.

"The FBI is working this case around the clock in both cities and in other parts of the country. And we will make sure that if there are crimes that were committed that they will be charged and people will be held accountable."



Ed ANDRIESKI/AP

Najibullah Zazi arrives at the offices of the FBI in Denver for questioning on Thursday.

## Police seize car in Yale investigation

The Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Police investigating the murder of a Yale graduate student are still collecting evidence, including a car they towed from the motel where the suspected killer was arrested.

Police wouldn't confirm who owns the Ford Taurus they towed Friday night from the Super 8 motel in Cromwell, Conn. The father of Raymond Clark III, the Yale lab technician charged with the murder of Annie Le, checked into the motel before his son was arrested Thursday.

A state trooper who took part in the seizure confirmed that it was related to Clark's arrest. It's not clear if the suspect's father is still staying at the Super 8, and police did not enter the motel.

New Haven police spokesman Joe Avery said he knew nothing about the seizure. Cromwell police referred questions to the New Haven police department.

Raymond Clark III, a technician in the lab where Annie Le conducted research, was arrested Thursday, a day after authorities took DNA samples from him to compare with evidence from the crime scene. Le's body was found hidden behind a wall on what would have been her wedding day.

Clark's bond was set at \$3 million, and he did not enter a plea.

Police Chief James Lewis said Friday that no further arrests were expected, but investigators were sifting through hundreds of pieces of evidence. He said police had trailed other people before they zeroed in on Clark as a suspect.



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## First lady: State of health care unacceptable

By CHARLES BABINGTON  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Michelle Obama, speaking as a wife, mother and daughter — but not as a policymaker like a previous first lady — urged women on Friday to join her husband's fight to overhaul health care.

Her 23-minute speech, embraced by a receptive female audience at the White House, contributed to the administration's all-out public relations push on health care. President Barack Obama will resume it Sunday with appearances on five morning news shows, followed by a visit Monday to CBS's "Late Show with David Letterman."

Michelle Obama focused on the White House's efforts to expand coverage and block insurers' ability to drop customers who get seriously ill. But she stopped well short of the deeply involved, hands-on role played by another first lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton, nearly two decades ago.

In urging passage of "my husband's plan," Obama stuck mainly to the themes and backdrops of more traditional first ladies, including Laura Bush. She hugged three female cancer survivors before taking the stage, and she spoke repeatedly from the perspective of a mother and wife who sympathized with less-wealthy women's plights.

"For two years on the campaign trail, this was what I heard from women, that they were being crushed, crushed by the current structure of our health care," the first lady said.

Michelle Obama, a former hospital executive, has the brains, experience and charm to play



HARAZ N. GHANBARI/AP

**First lady Michelle Obama speaks on health insurance reform and its impact on women and families on Friday in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building in Washington.**

a plausible part in helping her husband craft and sell his health care agenda. But the Obamas absorbed many lessons from the Clintons' earlier travails, and the restrained, selective use of the first lady's appeal is among them.

Some political strategists think they are hitting the mark just fine.

Targeting Michelle Obama's involvement mainly to women "is effective, because she depoliticizes it for people," said Jennifer Palmieri, a former Clinton administration aide who closely tracks health care issues.

By contrast, Hillary Clinton testified before Congress about her husband's health care agenda, tying herself intimately to the rough politics that eventually sank it.

# Committee is toughest test yet for health care reform

## Finance OK crucial for legislation's future

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Keep going. You don't have to fix all of it now. Just please don't let it stall.

That's the essence of the message that Senate Democratic leaders have for their Finance Committee senators, who plan to start voting Tuesday on a remake of the nation's health care system.

Democrats on the pivotal committee are disappointed with the bill from the chairman, Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont. Republicans see a chance to deliver a stunning blow to President Barack Obama's top domestic priority.

The stakes are so high because this isn't just another committee.

The 23-member committee is a microcosm of the Senate, the narrow gate through which legislation to cover the uninsured and try to control medical costs has to pass. If the committee can't produce, then the ability of Obama and the Democrats to pass a bill this year will be in serious question.

"If it can't get through the Finance Committee, the mountain that has to be climbed is a much higher mountain, and I don't know whether they'll have the ability to climb that mountain," said Christine Ferguson, a Senate GOP health aide in the 1990s. Now a professor, Ferguson was part of an effort to find a bipartisan deal that might have salvaged the Bill Clinton-era overhaul.

Baucus, an optimist by nature,



SUSAN WALSH/AP

**Senate Finance Committee Chairman Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., concludes his solo news conference on health care legislation on Sept. 16 in Washington.**

says he has the votes. "Oh, yeah — no doubt," he says.

But last week the chairman stood alone as he explained and defended his 10-year, \$856 billion plan.

No Democrats joined him in front of the media — not even Sens. Kent Conrad of North Dakota and Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico, who spent months working with Baucus trying to find a compromise both political parties could support.

The second-ranking committee Democrat, Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, promptly announced he couldn't vote for the bill without major changes.

While business and health in-

dustry groups generally have said good things about the proposal, core Democratic constituencies are angry.

Unions see the insurance tax as a direct threat to hard-won benefits. Liberals are outraged by the absence of a government insurance plan. There's widespread concern that Baucus' subsidies are too meager and will stick hard-pressed households with thousands of dollars in new insurance bills.

Baucus can't ignore such concerns. With 13 Democrats and 10 Republicans on the committee, he doesn't have much room to maneuver for votes.

## Dodd to propose overdraft protection legislation

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. Christopher Dodd, chairman of the Banking Committee, said Thursday he wants to curb overdraft fees charged by banks, a move that would cut into a lucrative revenue stream for the financial industry.

Dodd, D-Conn., said he will propose legislation that would require customers to sign up for overdraft protection. If they don't, a bank would not be allowed to charge a fee even if the customer

overspends.

Under this scenario, banks are likely to deny charges that would exceed a person's credit limit.

Congress passed a similar provision this spring as part of a credit card bill, which will take effect in February.

"Excessive, automatic overdraft fees are forcing many American families deeper into debt at a time when



Dodd

they are already struggling to make ends meet," Dodd said.

Regulators and consumer protection advocates also have decried overdraft fees as unfairly targeting consumers.

The Center for Responsible Lending estimates that consumers pay some \$17.5 billion in overdraft fees a year.

President Barack Obama wants to create a new consumer protec-

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The estimated amount consumers pay in overdraft fees each year

tion agency that would monitor bank fees, including overdraft charges, and determine whether they are fair.

Republicans and some Democrats, however, oppose creation of the agency because they say it could unfairly burden community banks.

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# Obama touting progress ahead of G-20 summit



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In his weekly radio and Internet address, President Barack Obama called for the establishment of a new consumer protection agency.

By WILL LESTER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama said the world's leading economic powers have made progress in stabilizing the global financial system but much work remains to produce needed jobs and growth.

"The good news is that we've made real progress since last time we met — here at home and around the world," Obama said in his weekly radio and Internet address Saturday. The G-20 summit in Pittsburgh this week comes five months after the group of 20 nations with the world's leading and emerging economies met in London.

Obama said it will offer a good chance for a "checkup to review the steps each nation has taken — separately and together — to break the back of this economic crisis."

Obama noted several steps have been taken to spur the U.S. economy, pointing to the stimulus package, efforts to unlock frozen credit markets and free more loans for people investing in homes, cars, education or fi-

nancing small businesses. And he said other nations have been challenged to address underlying problems that caused a deep global recession.

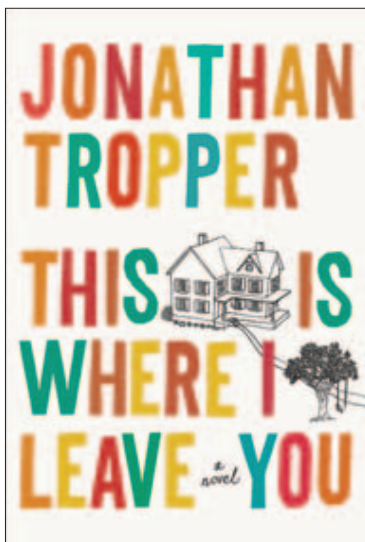
But Obama said his administration knows that "stopping the bleeding isn't nearly enough. We know we still have a lot to do here at home to build an economy that is producing good jobs for all those who are looking for work today.

"And we know we still have a lot to do, in conjunction with nations around the world, to strengthen the rules governing financial markets and ensure that we never again find ourselves in the precarious situation we found ourselves in just one year ago."

He said it's essential that the U.S. government update the rules governing financial firms and markets.

He said another important step for the U.S. is establishment of a consumer protection agency that would be intended to protect people from signing up for mortgages they can't afford and contracts they can't understand.

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## FACES

# Matt Damon,

Actor's meaty, quirky role was 8 years in the making

**M**att Damon was thrilled when Steven Soderbergh called eight years ago asking him to play a tubby oddball with a self-destructive talent for spinning colossal lies.

At the time, Damon feared he had used up the good will from his one certified Hollywood grand slam on "Good Will Hunting," a commercial hit that earned him a best-actor Academy Award nomination and an Oscar for the screenplay he wrote with buddy Ben Affleck.

"Ocean's Eleven," the first installment in Soderbergh's heist trilogy featuring George Clooney, Brad Pitt and Damon, had not yet come out.

And Damon was mired in his fourth round of reshoots for a long-delayed action thriller that showed all the signs of another turkey, the last thing he needed after his string of duds "The Legend of Bagger Vance," "All the Pretty Horses" and the animated adventure "Titan A.E."

"I was about as cold as you can be in Hollywood," Damon, 38, said in an interview at the Toronto International Film Festival, where Soderbergh's "The Informant!" played in advance of its theatrical release stateside last week. "I get this call from the hottest director in Hollywood and also a guy I've worked with and had a really good experience with. He calls me out of the blue and says, 'I have something for us to work on, and it's this incredible story with this incredible character.'"

Soderbergh saw Damon, who previously earned good notices as a master deceiver in "The Talented Mr. Ripley," as the ideal choice to play Mark Whitacre, an executive who became an FBI whistle-blower in the

1990s to expose a price-fixing scheme at corporate giant Archer Daniels Midland. Whitacre went undercover for 2½ years, wearing wires to build a case about his company's collusion with competitors.

Through it all, Whitacre also gradually revealed his own embezzlement, the amounts of money involved absurdly rising as one lie was uncovered and he made up a fresh one to take its place. While federal officials secured convictions against two other top Archer Daniels Midland executives, Whitacre wound up doing nine years in prison in the very scheme he helped expose.

It's a surprising turn for Damon, who transforms to capture the manic, nervous self-delusion of Whitacre. Damon packed on 30 pounds for the role, and his boyish good looks are concealed beneath stiff hair, thick moustache and corny Midwestern suit and tie.

This is Damon as pudgy, awkward, obfuscating little man, a complete turnabout from that action thriller everyone thought was going to bomb.

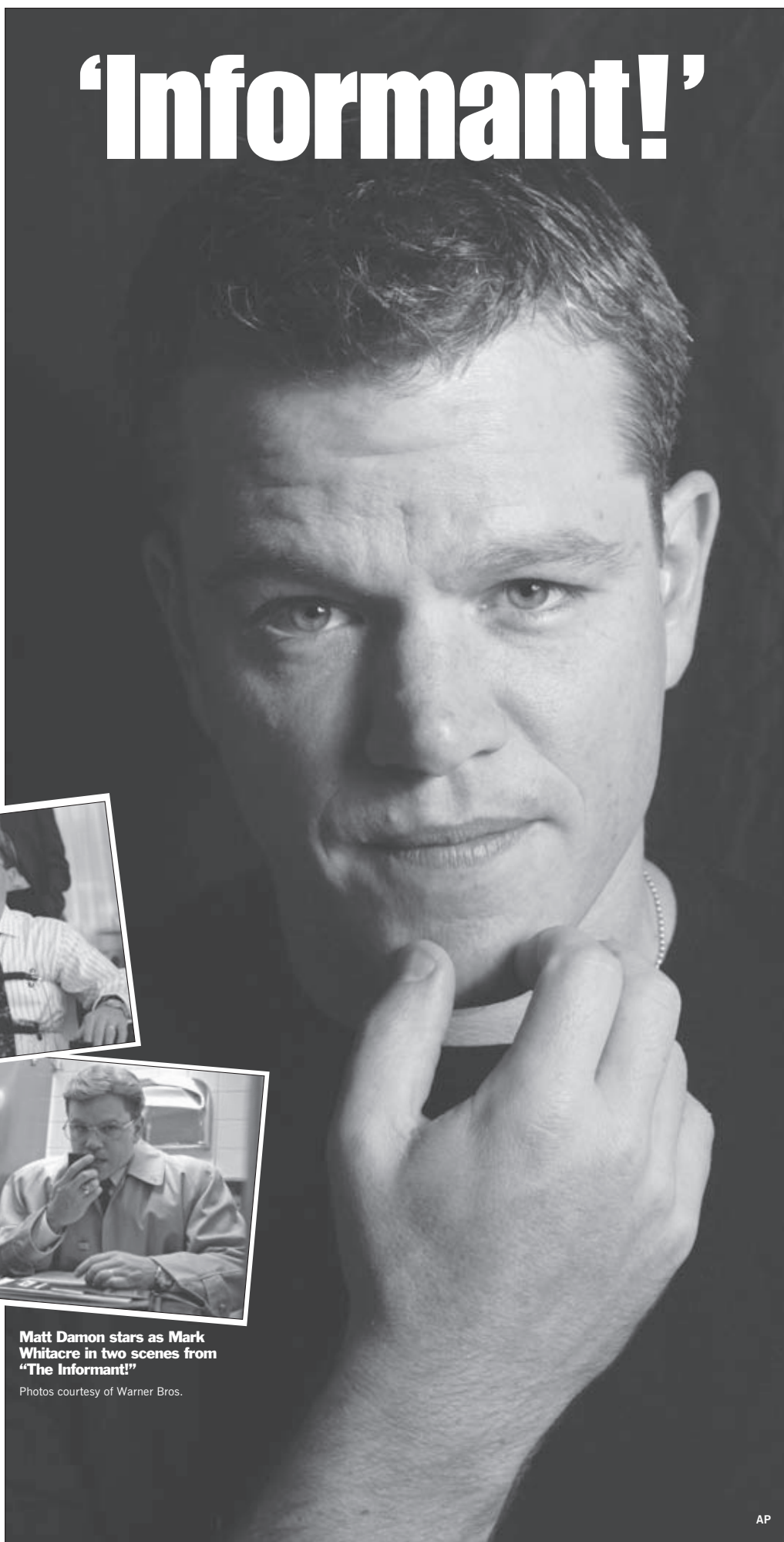
Instead, "The Bourne Identity" established Damon's amnesiac assassin Jason Bourne as an operative to rival James Bond (Damon insists Bourne could kick Bond's butt. Which Bond? "I could take Roger Moore," Damon said). The franchise turned into a trilogy with "The Bourne Supremacy" and "The Bourne Ultimatum," the character so successful that it has become Damon's career-defining role.

The team behind "The Informant!" figures that can only help their film when audiences see Damon's Whitacre, almost an anti-Bourne figure.

"It couldn't be better timing for us. The shock of seeing him and saying to yourself, 'That's the guy that plays Jason Bourne' is really I think a value added to the whole experience," Soderbergh said. "He just commits so completely and is so fearless about it, and the transformation is so complete."

— David Germain/The Associated Press

# 'Informant!'



Matt Damon stars as Mark Whitacre in two scenes from "The Informant!"

Photos courtesy of Warner Bros.



## SCIENCE &amp; MEDICINE

# Where will it end up?

## Researchers tracking trash to raise refuse awareness

By PHUONG LE  
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Where does that coffee cup, disposable razor or unwanted television end up once it's tossed to the curb?

Using an electronic tracking device about the size of a matchbook, MIT researchers are tagging about 3,000 pieces of Seattle trash to get people thinking about what they throw away and where it ends up.

"Seeing where your trash goes allows you to change your behavior," said Assaf Biderman, associate director of MIT's SENSEable City lab and a project leader. "Will you refill a cup instead of throwing away a disposable one?"

Researchers are visiting the homes of hundreds of Seattle volunteers to affix electronic tags on about 10 to 15 pieces of their household trash, such as pizza boxes, plastic foam cups, slippers and scrap metal. The volunteers will dispose of the items as they normally would.

The battery-operated smart tags rely on cell phone technology to send information back to MIT computers, allowing researchers — and the public — to monitor the trash in real time as it moves through the waste stream to its final destination.

The public will be able to follow the trash migration at an exhibit that opened Friday at Seattle's Central Library.

Jennifer Giltrop of Seattle said she's curious to see what happens to the empty wine bottle, a used printer cartridge and a plastic bag that she recently had tagged. "We know where we purchase our items from, but we're not always as aware of what happens when we throw things away," said Giltrop, 38, who is assistant director of Seattle's main library. "We're aware of recycling, but what's the process?"

Biderman said the project will allow researchers to study in detail how efficiently, or inefficiently, the waste removal system works.

Does recycling end up being recycled rather than in the landfill? Does it take weeks rather than hours or days for trash picked up from one Seattle neighborhood to get to the transfer station?

"We're definitely a throwaway society that sets it and forgets it," said Brett Stav, planning and development specialist with Seattle Public Utilities.

"A lot of people forget about what happens to the things that they throw away, and they don't really factor in their impact."

### How it works

Residents in Seattle have their trash electronically tagged. A battery operated device emits a signal, transmitted via cell phone technology, that is picked up by MIT computers. Researchers then monitor where the trash goes.

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## YOUR MONEY

# U.S. consumers wield considerable strength

BY ASHLEY M. HEHER  
The Associated Press

There's power in our pocket-books. But how much?

In the U.S., consumer spending — the amount of money we shell out on everything from hammers to homes — fuels our economy. At the end of the federal second quarter in late March, the government said "personal consumption expenditures" climbed to almost 70.7 percent of the nation's gross domestic product.

Not everyone agrees with that figure, though. Some economists say defining consumer spending as the engine behind more than two-thirds of the U.S. economy is misleading math; they say government spending and other items should be factored out.

Here are some questions and answers about consumer spending and its impact the economy.

## What is consumer spending?

Personal consumption spending — what's commonly called consumer spending — is the dollar value of what's bought every

day. It's on pace this year to be just short of \$10 trillion.

Federal economists separate the data into dozens of categories, tracking spending on everything from tires and televisions to flowers and fuel. But the figure also includes services like health care and insurance, along with rent and mortgage payments and even checking account fees.

**Why don't some people agree that consumer spending is 70 percent of the economy?**

*While the U.S. economy is driven by the consumption of goods, economies of China and Saudi Arabia are fueled by exports.*

Critics note that the official consumer spending figure includes things that aren't paid out of our own pockets.

The biggest area of debate is health care spending, which in 2008 reached \$1.56 trillion, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis. That figure includes federal and state government spending on programs like Medicaid and Medicare.

Some economists argue that only the part of health care costs paid out of Americans' pockets should count as consumer spending.

**If 70 percent is too high, what's an accurate figure?**

Among the vocal dissenters is Business Week Chief Economist Michael Mandel. In a blog posting last month, he argued that personal consumption spending as most people understand it —

the money everyday people spend on everyday items — accounts for just 40 percent of the nation's economic activity.

**Is consumer spending as big a deal in other countries?**

According to data from research firm Euromonitor International, the U.S. was ranked seventh in per-person consumer spending in 2008. America was behind wealthy nations and investment-friendly countries like Bermuda, Luxembourg and Switzerland.

As a percentage of GDP, consumer spending in the U.S. is the highest of the nation's 20 major economies, according to Euromonitor's figures.

Spending as a percentage of GDP is higher in many third-world nations than in the U.S., because many of those developing economies are supported in large part by international aid.

**If cash registers don't drive other economies, what does?**

University of Maryland economic and business professor Peter Morici says economic engines can be divided into two areas: consumption and exports.

While the U.S. economy is overwhelmingly driven by the consumption of goods, the economy in nations like China and Saudi Arabia is fueled by goods that are exported to other countries.

Meanwhile, in many of the largest industrialized countries — like Germany, France, Italy and Britain — government spending makes up a much larger share of the total economy.



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The world's top 10 brands, as ranked by Interbrand, stayed relatively stable this year, with Coca-Cola Co. in the first slot, a place it has held since the rankings started in 2000.

## Coca-Cola, IBM still the world's top brands

BY EMILY FREDRIX  
The Associated Press

### The top 10 list

Here's a look at the world's most valuable brands:

1. Coca-Cola, \$68.73 billion
2. IBM, \$60.21 billion
3. Microsoft, \$56.65 billion
4. General Electric, \$47.78 billion
5. Nokia, \$34.87 billion
6. McDonald's, \$32.28 billion
7. Google, \$31.98 billion
8. Toyota, \$31.33 billion
9. Intel, \$30.64 billion
10. Disney, \$28.45 billion

Source: Interbrand's Best Global Brands report (including details on methodology) is at <http://www.interbrand.com>

Consumers lost trust in brands this year as the recession deepened, according to an industry report released Thursday, although longtime staples Coca-Cola and IBM retained their spots as the world's two most valuable brands.

This is the first time the combined value of the world's top 100 brands as ranked by Interbrand, a branding agency, has fallen in the 10 years Interbrand has assessed them.

The list's total value, including brands like Google Inc., Nintendo and Sony, fell 4.6 percent to \$1.15 trillion, Interbrand estimates.

"That says something about the environment that we're in, especially when you consider that brands are by nature less volatile than business valuations," said Interbrand CEO Jez Frampton, who called a company's brand its most valuable asset.

The environment — a recession the likes of which the world hasn't seen for decades — has eaten away at people's trust in specific brands, starting with financial companies, he said. Consumers even started to question retail brands as stores slashed prices to get sales, leading consumers to wonder about pricing, and why they had to pay so much before.

Given the recession, it was not surprising to see financial companies posting the steepest decline in their brands' values this year, with drops by American Express (now number 22, down from 15) HSBC (now 32, down from 27), Citi (now 36, down from 19), and UBS (now 72, down from 41). Merrill Lynch and AIG both dropped off the list.

Automakers also dropped in the rankings as their sector's sales slumped in the recession. In addition, major U.S. automakers General Motors Corp. and Chrysler Group LLC received government aid to stay afloat, which generated

negative feelings among consumers. Neither of those brands made the top 100 Interbrand list.

Even Toyota's brand — top-ranked among auto companies at number eight, down from 6 in 2008 — suffered, while BMW went from 13 to 15, and Ford was unchanged at 49. Honda edged up two slots to 18.

Despite the economic uncertainty, the top 10 brands this year stayed relatively stable, with Coca-Cola Co. in the first slot, a place it has held since the rankings started in 2000. The soft-drink maker retains its recognition around the world, Frampton said, and it has been releasing new products as it hopes to woo consumers shifting to healthier juices and teas.

Coca-Cola's brand value rose 3 percent in 2009 to \$68.73 billion, while IBM's gained 2 percent to \$60.21 billion.

The value of online giant Google's brand grew the fastest in the world again, rising 25 percent to \$31.98 billion to place seventh, up from 10th place last year and 20th the year before. Frampton said the company's brand growth is "miraculous," though the report notes that as it gets bigger, "it has to deal with the inevitable mistrust and ugliness ascribed to being a very large, diversified and very profitable company."

## EXCHANGE RATES

### Military rates

Japanese yen (Sept. 21)	89.00
South Korean won (Sept. 21)	1,178.00
Euro costs (Sept. 21)	\$1.5088
Dollar buys (Sept. 21)	€ 0.6528
British pound (Sept. 21)	\$1.68

### Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.6272
Canada (Dollar)	1.0697
China (Yuan)	6.8291
Denmark (Krone)	5.0556
Egypt (Pound)	5.5153
Euro	\$1.4720/0.6793
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7500
Hungary (Forint)	184.30
Israel (Shekel)	3.7360
Japan (Yen)	91.35
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2861
Norway (Krone)	5.8700
Philippines (Peso)	47.71
Poland (Zloty)	2.81
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7503
Singapore (Dollar)	1.4154
South Korea (Won)	1,206.20
Switzerland (Franc)	1.0287
Thailand (Baht)	33.71
Turkey (New Lira)	1,4798

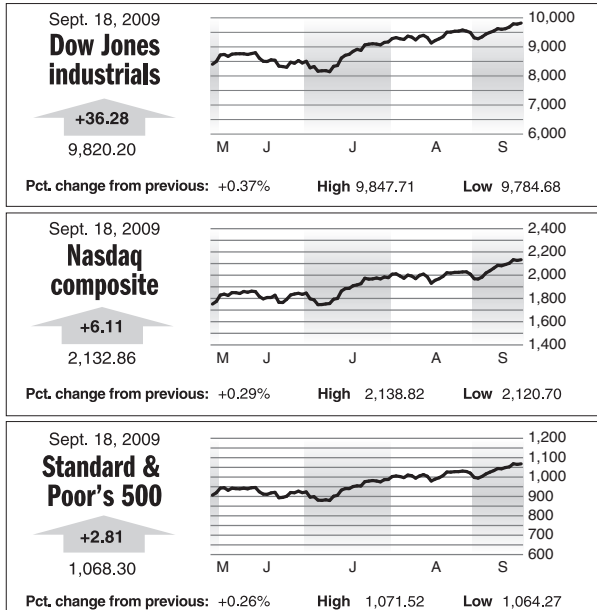
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## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.50
Federal funds market rate	0.00-0.25
3-month bill	0.07
30-year bond	4.22

Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press

## A DAY ON WALL STREET



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# Report: FBI probes Bank of America-Merrill deal

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The FBI and Department of Justice are conducting a criminal probe into Bank of America Corp.'s purchase of Merrill Lynch last year, the Charlotte Observer reported Friday.

The investigation has been under way for six months, the newspaper reported.

A BofA spokesman declined to confirm the investigation is happening. Spokesmen for the FBI and the Justice Department neither confirmed nor denied that a probe was under way.

The bank also is being inves-

tigated by other authorities, including the New York Attorney General's office, which has been drafting charges against BofA officials over accusations that they misled shareholders about losses and bonus payments at the investment bank.

"We have provided thousands of documents and had numerous meetings with various government agencies regarding the Merrill Lynch transaction," Bank of America spokesman Scott Silvestri said. "And we continue to believe that there is no basis for charges against the company or individuals on the management team."

Jennifer Canada, a spokeswoman for North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper, said the state still has an ongoing investigation into Bank of America but that she wasn't aware of any other probes. The U.S. attorney's office in North Carolina's western district declined to comment.

Bank of America agreed to buy Merrill Lynch a year ago. It was later revealed that Merrill, with the knowledge of Bank of America executives, paid Merrill employees \$3.6 billion in bonuses just before the deal closed on Jan. 1, even though the bank lost \$27.6 billion that year.

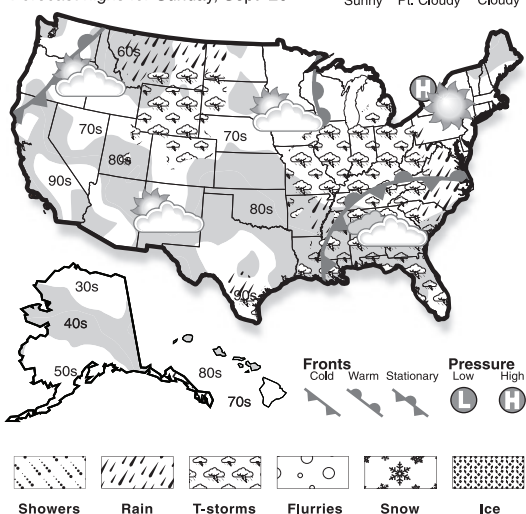
## Bank of America recent developments:

- Charlotte Observer reports FBI, DOJ in the middle of criminal probe into BofA's purchase of Merrill Lynch
- Judge orders Feb. 1 trial to settle SEC's bonus-related charges
- N.Y. Attorney General's office to charge BofA officials with misleading shareholders about losses and bonuses

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, Sept. 20



### Lows In The Southeast/Northwest

A slow-moving low pressure system will continue to produce scattered showers and thunderstorms in the Southeast. Another low moving through the Northwest will provide some scattered showers in the area and into the Intermountain West.

Weather Underground • AP

### Saturday's global temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	La Paz	65	27	pc
Amsterdam	63	50	pc	Lima	64	60	Cldy
Athens	84	60	Rain	Lisbon	75	60	Clr
Auckland	64	51	pc	London	63	53	pc
Baghdad	96	77	pc	Madrid	58	47	Rain
Basra	110	83	Clr	Managua	91	75	Clr
Bahrain	98	87	pc	Manila	89	78	Rain
Bangkok	86	78	Rain	Mecca	105	84	Clr
Barbados	88	77	pc	Melbourne	65	50	Rain
Barcelona	75	61	Rain	Mexico City	71	57	Rain
Beijing	80	62	Clr	Montevideo	58	52	Rain
Beirut	87	75	pc	Montreal	68	43	Clr
Belgrade	73	62	Rain	Moscow	69	48	Rain
Berlin	68	51	pc	Nairobi	84	56	pc
Bermuda	85	80	Rain	Nassau	89	78	Rain
Bogota	68	48	Rain	New Delhi	93	78	Clr
Brasilia	89	62	pc	Nice	75	61	Rain
Brisbane	77	55	Clr	Osaka	84	60	Clr
Brussels	66	51	Clr	Oslo	60	37	pc
Bucharest	81	50	Cldy	Panama	84	73	Rain
Budapest	69	62	Rain	Paris	64	55	pc
Buenos Aires	58	52	Rain	Perth	68	53	Rain
Cairo	90	74	pc	Prague	66	56	pc
Calgary	68	46	Rain	Rio de Janeiro	75	68	pc
Caracas	91	79	pc	Rome	78	64	Rain
Colombo	87	80	pc	San Jose	80	64	pc
Copenhagen	64	46	pc	San Juan	94	78	pc
Dhahran	107	82	Clr	San Salvador	86	69	Rain
Dhaka	88	80	Cldy	Santiago	57	46	pc
Dili	93	70	Clr	Sao Paulo	67	60	Cldy
Dubai	100	85	Clr	Sapporo	73	53	Clr
Dublin	56	48	pc	Seoul	78	59	pc
Frankfurt	70	59	pc	Singapore	85	77	Rain
Geneva	72	54	Rain	Sofia	68	56	Rain
Guatemala	80	64	pc	Stockholm	57	42	pc
Hanoi	88	77	Rain	Sydney	91	58	Clr
Harare	72	60	Clr	Taipei	93	78	Clr
Havana	91	71	Rain	Tegucigalpa	82	61	pc
Helsinki	57	42	pc	Tehran	80	68	Rain
Hong Kong	91	82	Rain	Tel Aviv	87	74	pc
Islamabad	93	69	Clr	Tokyo	77	68	Clr
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Jakarta	91	75	pc	Toronto	67	54	Clr
Jerusalem	87	74	pc	Tunis	86	69	Clr
Johannesburg	82	59	Clr	Valletta	85	71	Clr
Kabul	80	53	Rain	Vancouver	70	51	Rain
Kiev	81	56	Rain	Vienna	67	62	Rain
Kuala Lumpur	89	74	Rain	Warsaw	69	53	pc
Kuwait	105	78	Clr	Zurich	65	58	Rain

## MONDAY'S FORECAST



Air Force Weather/www.afweather.af.mil

### Sunday's U.S. temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Casper	76	48	Cldy	Erie	77	50	PCldy	Jacksonville	88	73	Cldy	Montgomery	88	70	Rain	Richmond	79	56	Cldy	Spokane	69	45	Clr
Abilene, Tex.	91	64	PCldy	Charleston, S.C.	85	71	Cldy	Eugene	79	44	Clr	Juneau	52	m	Rain	Nashville	79	68	Rain	Roanoke	74	61	Cldy	Springfield, Ill.	75	59	Rain
Akron, Ohio	77	47	Cldy	Charlottesville, Va.	79	61	Rain	Evansville	76	64	Rain	Kansas City	79	56	Cldy	New Orleans	89	75	Cldy	Rochester	74	41	Clr	Springfield, Mo.	82	59	Cldy
Albany, N.Y.	72	38	Clr	Charlotte, N.C.	76	65	Rain	Fairbanks	52	m	Cldy	Key West	90	82	PCldy	New York City	76	50	Clr	Rockford	76	52	Cldy	Syracuse	74	39	Clr
Albuquerque	83	58	PCldy	Chattanooga	80	69	Rain	Fargo	80	60	PCldy	Knoxville	78	67	Rain	Newark	76	48	Clr	Sacramento	93	59	Clr	Tallahassee	89	72	Cldy
Allentown, Pa.	76	40	Clr	Cheyenne	76	48	PCldy	Flagstaff	76	42	PCldy	Lake Charles	88	71	Cldy	Norfolk, Va.	77	62	Clr	St. Louis	76	66	Rain	Tampa	91	76	PCldy
Amarillo	86	56	PCldy	Chicago	76	54	Cldy	Flint	75	41	PCldy	Lansing	74	46	PCldy	North Platte	81	50	PCldy	St. Petersburg	89	79	PCldy	Toledo	73	46	Cldy
Anchorage	56	m	Cldy	Cincinnati	76	61	Rain	Fort Smith	82	66	PCldy	Las Vegas	100	76	Clr	Oklahoma City	87	61	Clr	St. Thomas	88	79	PCldy	Topeka	81	55	Cldy
Asheville	72	61	Rain	Cleveland	77	50	Cldy	Fort Wayne	77	49	Cldy	Lexington	73	63	Rain	Omaha	81	56	Cldy	Salem, Ore.	79	48	PCldy	Tucson	96	68	PCldy
Atlanta	77	68	Rain	Colorado Springs	81	49	PCldy	Fresno	94	65	Clr	Lincoln	82	53	Cldy	Orlando	90	74	PCldy	Salt Lake City	82	60	PCldy	Tulsa	85	61	PCldy
Atlantic City	75	46	Clr	Columbia, S.C.	81	68	Rain	Goodland	82	53	PCldy	Little Rock	83	66	Cldy	Paducah	77	67	Rain	San Angelo	91	64	PCldy	Tupelo	83	72	Rain
Austin	92	72	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	84	70	Rain	Grand Junction	83	55	Cldy	Los Angeles	85	65	Clr	Pendleton	74	50	Clr	San Antonio	91	74	Cldy	Waco	91	66	PCldy
Baltimore	74	51	PCldy	Columbus, Ohio	78	58	Rain	Grand Rapids	75	46	PCldy	Louisville	74	65	Rain	Peoria	77	67	Rain	San Diego	77	68	Clr	Washington, D.C.	75	54	PCldy
Baton Rouge	89	72	Cldy	Concord, N.H.	75	37	Clr	Great Falls	67	52	Cldy	Lubbock	88	60	PCldy	Philadelphia	77	51	Clr	San Francisco	81	59	PCldy	W. Palm Beach	89	78	PCldy
Billings	71	56	Clr	Corpus Christi	92	73	Cldy	Green Bay	74	49	PCldy	Macon	85	70	Rain	Phoenix	103	78	Clr	San Jose	88	59	Clr	Wichita	82	55	Cldy
Birmingham	83	71	Rain	Dallas-Ft. Worth	91	68	PCldy	Greensboro, N.C.	76	63	Cldy	Madison	77	48	Cldy	Pittsburgh	77	51	Cldy	San Juan, P.R.	88	76	PCldy	Wichita Falls	91	63	Clr
Bismarck	81	57	PCldy	Dayton	76	57	Rain	Harrisburg	74	46	Clr	Medford	87	52	Clr	Pocatello	75	51	PCldy	Santa Fe	80	48	PCldy	Wilkes-Barre	73	38	Clr
Boise	74	53	Clr	Daytona Beach	88	76	PCldy	Hartford Spgflld	79	39	Clr	Memphis	82	71	Rain	Portland, Maine	73	39	Clr	St. Ste Marie	74	50	Clr	Wilmington, Del.	75	45	Clr
Boston	78	50	Clr	Denver	81	53	PCldy	Helena	68	54	Cldy	Miami Beach	89	79	PCldy	Portland, Ore.	78	51	PCldy	Savannah	85	72	Cldy	Yakima	76	44	Clr
Bridgeport	73	43	Clr	Des Moines	75	57	Cldy	Honolulu	88	75	PCldy	Midland-Odessa	90	62	PCldy	Providence	77	46	Clr	Seattle	67	54	PCldy	Youngstown	77	47	Cldy
Brownsville	93	76	Cldy	Detroit	73	48	Cldy	Houston	91	71	Cldy	Milwaukee	72	60	PCldy	Pueblo	89	49	PCldy	Shreveport	88	69	Cldy				
Buffalo	75	43	Clr	Duluth	72	52	PCldy	Huntsville	80	70	Rain	Mpls-St Paul	77	61	PCldy	Raleigh-Durham	79	63	Cldy	Sioux City	79	53	Cldy				
Burlington, Vt.	70	37	Clr	El Paso	88	62	PCldy	Indianapolis	78	59	Rain	Missoula	66	49	Cldy	Rapid City	76	54	Clr	Sioux Falls	79	56	PCldy				
Caribou, Maine	66	36	PCldy	Elkins	75	51	Cldy	Jackson, Miss.	85	70	Cldy	Mobile	87	74	Cldy	Reno	86	53	Clr	South Bend	74	49	Cldy				

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## Beware of puppy scams

My wife and I posted an ad in the classified section of Stars and Stripes seeking a puppy and were contacted by a couple who had just the puppy we were looking for. They said they were doctors from Amsterdam who worked with Mercy Ships and they could no longer support the puppy due to their commitments. They were not concerned with money, only providing a good home for the puppy. They offered to ship it to us.

On the day we were to pick up the puppy, we received an e-mail purporting to come from Heathrow International Airport in London specifying that they had detained the puppy because of incomplete paperwork, and required this paperwork be faxed to them within three days. After e-mailing the "doctor" from Amsterdam, I was informed he was working on getting the paperwork, but that the breeder in Cameroon where he claimed he got the puppy while working with Mercy Ships needed 200 euros to process it and he had already spent a good deal of money in the shipping process.

The first red flag was that he insisted on shipping the dog when we offered to pick it up ourselves. The second was the e-mail from Heathrow, which, while purporting to be official, contained numerous grammatical errors. Third was the Cameroon origin of the dog. A quick Google search of his name in conjunction with Mercy Ships led us to a warning of Internet fraud. Another Google search of the government policy number given in the Heathrow e-mail led to numerous accounts of scams, from parrots and monkeys to other puppies.

No money was ever exchanged, although I received another e-mail asking for the paperwork fee. Inform your other readers to beware of such scam artists. A little fact-checking pays off.

Second Lt. Michel-Paul Maurais  
Schweinfurt, Germany

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## 'Surviving' biblical teachings?

In response to "Technology versus the church" (letter, Sept. 17): Man's thirst for knowledge surviving biblical teachings? When did it become wrong to teach things such as the Ten Commandments (highlights include not killing, stealing, cheating on your spouse or coveting your neighbor's possessions, and no idol worship). All of those things are relevant today.

Murder rates in our cities are climbing; people such as Bernie Madoff have stolen billions of dollars from many people; divorce rates are through the roof (single parenting is a difficult task for both the parents and the children); and coveting neighbors' possessions (keeping up with the Joneses) has greatly influenced our economic crisis (average credit card debt is at an all-time high).

Or what about the example that Jesus set by dying on the cross? He preached forgiveness over vengeance, self-sacrifice over self-indulgence. One needs to look no further than party politics to see examples

of vengeance and self-indulgence and the devastating effects they have on our country. Instead of man "surviving" biblical teachings, it sounds more like man should observe biblical teachings more closely.

Capt. Tim Sciarano  
Camp Speicher, Iraq

## Science supports Bible

The rhetoric such as that expressed by the writer of "Technology versus the church" (letter, Sept. 17) may sound convincing enough on the surface. But people who attempt to discredit biblically based beliefs by pitting the Bible against science and technology are only luring uninformed readers into believing in an imaginary contradiction that simply does not exist.

Scientific research and study continue to support what the Bible says, rather than refute it. And placing a buzz-word label such as "technology" upon mere humanistic theory and beliefs is akin to those who kept insisting that the emperor wasn't naked, in Hans Christian Andersen's story, "The Emperor's New Clothes."

The topic of homosexuality was specifically mentioned in the letter, for example. And the rhetoric of the activists who support this issue is to consistently claim how science has shown us that people are born as homosexuals, when, in actuality, science has never shown us that. It has quite consistently shown just the opposite, in fact, and demonstrates that there are many external factors that may contribute to a person developing a homosexual orientation and behavior.

The writer also seemed to suggest that faith-based beliefs, in general, somehow equate to an absence of "free thinking" on the part of such individuals, and that religious beliefs are the "source" of all of our troubles in the Middle East. But given his own letter, it seems to me that the letter writer was claiming to have it all figured out, through some very closed-minded thinking of his own.

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Dean Bailey  
Camp Taji, Iraq

## Small financial companies are the key

Seattle Times editorial

President Barack Obama warned investment bankers last week that if they engage in "reckless behavior and unchecked excess" again, the Treasury will not "be there to break their fall." These were fine words, and surely represent the hopes of the American people. But a promise is not enough.

A year ago, when the crisis hit, there was no system for stabilizing the investment banks. Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson had to make it up as he went along. If nothing is changed, and crisis happens again, Secretary Timothy Geithner will have to do the same thing.

The president is proposing changes, in-

cluding some good ones. He wants a Consumer Financial Protection Agency to impose rules on such products as mortgages. This agency should not have the power to design every lender's products, but it should have a procedure to define certain ones as unacceptable, and ban them.

If such an agency had existed five years ago, much of this disaster might have been avoided. ...

Obama also wants to give the Federal Reserve power to supervise companies, of whatever type, that pose a risk to the system as a whole. This is reasonable and necessary. There needs to be examination not only of Company A and Company B, but how A connects with B. The financial

industry is an ecosystem, not a row of potted plants.

A further idea is that lenders of a certain size put up a higher percentage of capital, or follow more rules, than their smaller competitors. The intention behind this is good, but it may not be enough.

Congress should consider the more radical solution: If a company is too big to fail, break it up.

This is probably inevitable. A capitalist economy cannot work without allowing failure. Failure frees up assets and workers for new ventures, which is good, but if too much of the system fails, the whole thing goes. One answer to that is not to allow companies to grow too big.

By GARRY TRUDEAU





## OPINION

## What should Congress do with proposal for a Consumer Financial Protection Agency?

## Keep good regulators, let new entity fill gaps

BY SARAH JANE HUGHES

**C**ongress should not adopt the Obama administration's plan to create the Consumer Financial Protection Agency from agencies around Washington as it now stands. Taxpayers deserve better.

To solve the "consumer protection problem," Congress should do three things: (1) identify what did not work, and what did; (2) fit the solution to the actual problems found; and (3) keep functioning consumer protection agencies working — so that people won't wait years for a new agency to get down to work. Here are some ideas about how Congress might provide more protection for consumers faster and better than the administration's plan:

■ **Fix only what's broken:** consumer protection enforcement for banks and thrifts. It's not true that all regulators failed to protect consumers. The Federal Trade Commission has a 40-year record of enforcing federal consumer credit laws and prosecuting companies for unfair, deceptive and abusive consumer practices. The National Credit Union Administration's record also is unblemished. The states have worked hard to enforce their own laws, even though federal bank regulators fought them repeatedly and all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court twice in the last two years.

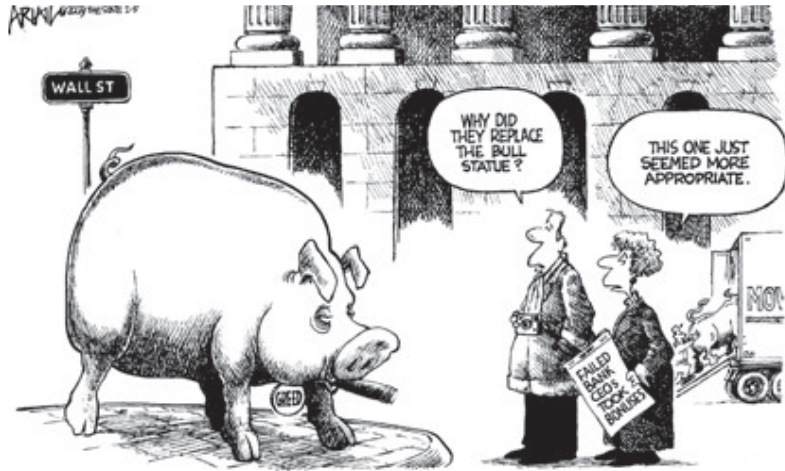
■ **Don't give the regulator types more authority for a proverbially bigger chicken coop after federal bank regulators got too**

cozy with banks. The Treasury Department had jurisdiction over both the Office of Thrift Supervision and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency for the last 20 years. Don't let Treasury direct this new, bigger consumer protection mission alone.

■ **Don't fall for Washington's "a new agency will fix everything" promise.** People who need protection — such as help understanding credit options or finding a way out of a subprime mortgage mess — don't have time to wait for a new agency. The Department of Homeland Security has taken years to get to work with workers assembled from many agencies, through at least two publicly announced rounds of reorganization. Treasury's plan transfers personnel from five agencies — the Office of Thrift Supervision and the Comptroller of the Currency, the National Credit Union Administration, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and the FTC — a task similar to making the Department of Health and Human Services.

■ **Don't take regulatory or enforcement functions away from the FTC, the NCUA or the states.** Follow the adage, "if it's not broken, don't fix it." Congress should leave current authority for non-banks where it is, perhaps giving the FTC additional resources to handle consumer protection.

■ **Don't buy the "one agency is better" argument.** Treasury gives one regulator jurisdiction over thousands of commercial banks and thrifts, large and small finance companies, and more than a million smaller creditors such as auto dealers, furniture



stores, check cashers, remittance companies, and issuers and sellers of stored-value cards. These entities vary tremendously in size, and some operate in only one town.

Big agencies tend to organize into specialization groups: In this case, it could mean one for depository institutions, and another, non-banks. This sounds a lot like the status quo, particularly when many of the same people who worked for the bank regulators will move to the new CFP. And with Treasury's one-regulator plan, we'll lose the enforcement push and com-

petitive innovation that the FTC and the states provide.

Congress should create only what we need: a new federal bank- and thrift-focused agency to solve problems banks and thrifts caused. Credit unions, community banks, check cashers, and small-town lenders such as auto dealers and home builders did not cause the recession or the credit crunch we're suffering.

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## Kill an idea that would put credit out of reach

BY THOMAS J. DONOHUE

**T**he one-year anniversary of the fall of Lehman Brothers is a painful reminder of the suffering endured by millions of Americans during this severe recession. As we struggle to get the economy moving again, we must heed the law of unintended consequences and ensure that our efforts to fix the financial system help protect investors and don't actually make things worse.

Unfortunately, that's exactly what will happen if Congress approves legislation creating the Consumer Financial Protection Agency, a new regulatory body that would oversee virtually every institution that extends credit to consumers.

There are four major problems with this bill: It would hand unprecedented power to a massive new government bureaucracy; it would restrict access to credit and consumer choice; it would add layer upon layer of new regulations to an already confusing regulatory regime; and it would undermine privacy.

First, CFP's authority would be truly expansive, extending far beyond traditional financial services products to the entire economy. The agency would oversee virtually every business, broadly defined, that extends credit. This includes any business that allows customers to pay in arrears — either through layaway, on a tab, or simply in more than one installment.

The bill would give the CFP authority to write and enforce rules, conduct examinations, require and approve disclosures regarding consumer financial products, impose fees or assessments on all covered people, and require reports from covered entities. It's classic big government at its

worst.

Second, the CFP would restrict access to credit and limit consumer choice when both are more important than ever to revitalize our economy, create jobs and get families back on their feet. The agency would require that any company offering a consumer financial product must first offer a product with terms and conditions set by the government before offering any alternatives. This would tilt the market toward government-designed products, create new regulatory hoops for institutions to jump through, and add new costs.

The result would be new bureaucracy that would end up choking off credit to families and small businesses. Small banks would be hit hard by new regulatory costs, making them less likely to extend credit in their communities. Those fortunate enough to secure credit would see their borrowing

costs increase. This is a prescription for economic disaster.

Third, the CFP would further complicate an already Byzantine set of regulations. The agency would set the floor, not the ceiling, regarding state consumer protection laws. Rather than a uniform national standard that would eliminate the potential for harmful or deceptive products to slip through the cracks, there would be the CFP and 50 state regulators each with their own set of rules. Companies and their customers would be lost in a maze of confusing and overlapping edicts. And guess who gets to interpret and enforce the new federal law and possibly take action against your business? State attorneys general and their allies in the plaintiffs' trial bar!

Fourth, this proposal would also undermine privacy. The CFP would have the

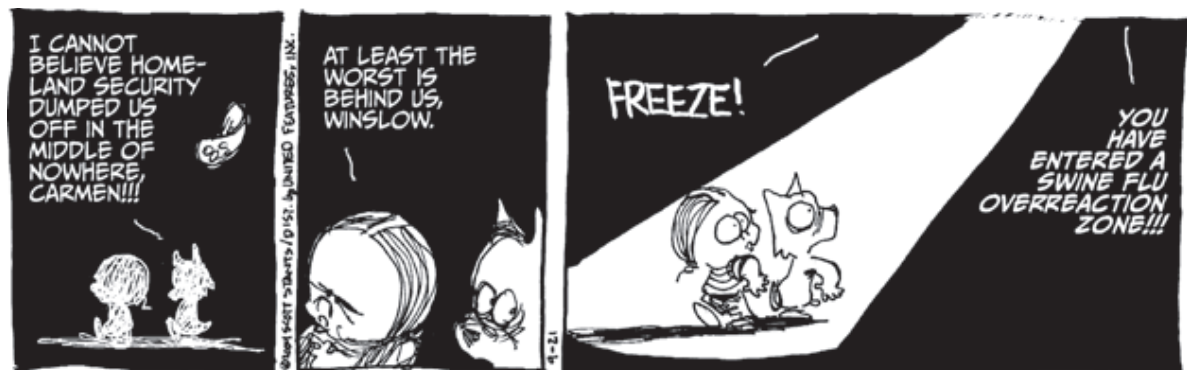
authority to request and hold reports from any covered entity — including reports from banks about the type of accounts and the balance in each account. This is an affront to the privacy and security of consumers' financial information.

Consumers and lawmakers should follow this rule when deciding whether to overhaul our health care system, regulate our entire energy market, or "fix" consumer protection laws — first, do no harm.

The CFP, if enacted, would do a great deal of economic harm to consumers and to our economy, without ensuring new protections or solving legitimate shortcomings in our financial system. Congress and the administration should go back to the drawing board.

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## Prickly City



BY SCOTT STANTIS



## 'Pillowcase' suspects arrested

**MI** GRAND HAVEN — Police in southwestern Michigan say they have put to bed the case of the "pillowcase" burglaries.

Over a period of months, burglars stole cash, money jars and jewelry from more than 25 homes in Ottawa, Muskegon and Newaygo counties. Each time they took a pillowcase off a bed to carry the loot.

Authorities say the thieves sometimes targeted homes of people who were attending funerals.

Police finally cracked the case after a state trooper found evidence at an Ottawa County crime scene that put them on the suspects' trail.

The suspects were arrested after a woman in Muskegon County called police upon finding a cigarette butt on her kitchen floor and jewelry and a pillowcase missing.

The suspects are expected to be arraigned.

## Plane lands after threatening note found

**FL** MIAMI — A threatening note forced a Boston-bound airplane to return to a Miami airport about 45 minutes after it took off.

Airport spokesman Greg Chin says a note found in one of the plane's bathrooms said an explosive device might be on board. American Airlines Flight 1640 had departed Miami International Airport around 9:30 p.m.

Airline spokesman Billy Saney says the plane was searched after the 168 passengers and six crew members disembarked safely. He declined to say if anything suspicious was found.

## Accused woman returns to face murder charge

**NH** DOVER — A woman accused of being an accomplice to the murder of her boyfriend has been brought back to New Hampshire and is being held without bail.

Forty-one-year-old Dianna Saunders was arrested in Fort Worth, Texas, on a fugitive from justice warrant from New Hampshire. She's accused of being an accomplice to first-degree murder in the death of 46-year-old David King, who was fatally shot in the home he shared with Saunders in Dover last year.

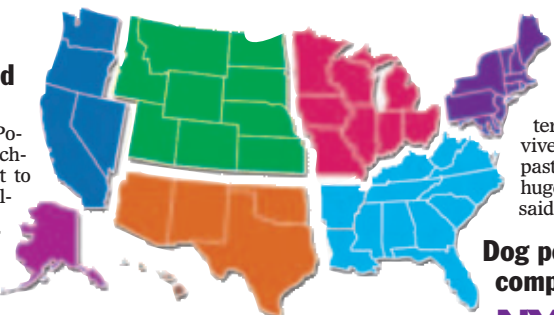
Saunders' former stepson Derek Saunders and Scott Mazzone have pleaded guilty to charges stemming from King's death. Both men are serving prison sentences.

Defense lawyer Jeff Karp says his client is prepared to fight the charges at trial. He says she claims she was not involved in King's death.

## University considers ban on smoking, tobacco

**TX** ARLINGTON — The University of Texas at Arlington is considering banning smoking and tobacco campuswide and would become the first four-year college in northern Texas to do so.

A 15-member committee that includes leading school adminis-



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trators recommended the ban in an announcement.

Committee chairwoman and UT Arlington human resources Vice President Jean Hood says the overall goal is to have a healthy workplace.

The ban would not take effect until August 2011.

## Rare stone figure found on remote rocky island

**HI** HONOLULU — Researchers on a rare expedition to a now uninhabited rocky outpost north of the main Hawaiian islands found a partially finished human stone carving and the remnants of what may be a craftsman's workshop.

The findings at the remote Mokuamanamana island, about 460 miles northwest of Honolulu, were part of the most extensive archaeological survey of the tiny outcrop in 85 years.

University of Hawaii anthropology doctoral student Kekuwa Kikiloi spent 18 days on the 46-acre island along with Anan Raymond, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service archaeologist.

The inhospitable island lacks fresh water or trees that would provide cover, and it is continually buffeted by wind.

It's frequented by seabirds, but is otherwise desolate save for the ruins of ancient heiau, or shrines, that line the top of a ridge running

along the spine of the island.

"It's somewhat of an archaeological mystery as to how people survived on this island in the past and constructed these huge monuments," Kikiloi said.

## Dog poo tested for composting potential

**NY** ITHACA — A group of upstate New York dog owners thinks it has a can-do plan to profitably compost the tons of dog doo left behind by the roughly 50,000 canines that use the city's pooch park each year.

If their pilot project is successful, the Tompkins County Dog Owners Group and Cayuga Compost hope to market usable compost within the next two or three years.

More importantly, finding a use for the billions of pounds of pooch poop produced annually in the United States could also lead to a significant reduction in the amount of waste material sent to landfills, said Leon Kochian, a spokesman for TC DOG, the not-for-profit volunteer group involved in funding the project.

"There was a large Dumpster at the park, and it was just always overflowing with plastic bags of dog poop. The amount was unbelievable," said Kochian, a Cornell University biology professor who owns a yellow Labrador retriever.

## Couple has accident, car stolen on same day

**OH** SANDUSKY — An Ohio couple got a double dose of bad luck when their car was stolen while they were hospitalized from a car accident on the same day.

Gregory Moses of Sandusky says he and his 51-year-old wife Judith were struck by a car while crossing a street and were taken to hospitals for medical treatment. Moses says he injured his knee and his wife suffered some bruises.

The 58-year-old says while they were away, their son discovered that their car was missing from the family home in this northern Ohio city.

Sandusky police Detective John Orzech says two teenagers were later arrested and charged with receiving stolen property when the car was stopped in Cleveland.

Moses says it was a "wild" day.

## Quadruplets get Aggie senior class rings

**TX** COLLEGE STATION — Quadruplets at Texas A&M reached another milestone as the 21-year-old siblings from Stephenville prepare to graduate in the spring.

Daniel, Reagan and Kayla Thompson were scheduled to pick up their Aggie senior class rings.

A statement from A&M says Patrick Thompson is expected to get his Aggie ring in a few months, as he seeks a degree in agricultural leadership and development.

Daniel and Reagan are majoring in agricultural economics. Reagan is an A&M yell leader.

Their sister, Kayla, is majoring in communications.

The four, who began attending classes in 2006, also took some summer courses.



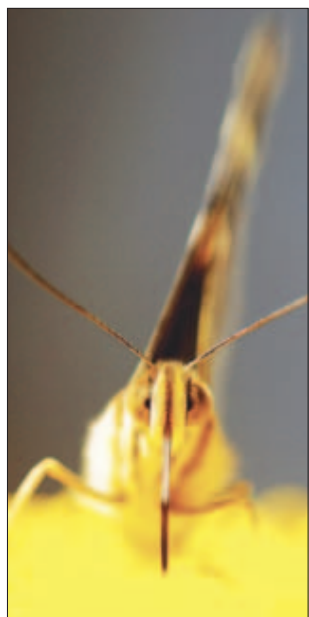
## Historical moments

Civil War re-enactor Jim Rosebrock, 18, stands at his post outside a gate at Antietam National Cemetery in Sharpsburg, Md.



## Pie all over the place

Participants toss pies for the world's largest pie fight in front of ABC Studio in New York during "Live with Regis & Kelly" to try for a Guinness World Record.



## How sweet it is

A painted lady butterfly feeds from a flower outside the Umpqua Valley Arts Association building in Roseburg, Ore.





## Promises, promises

The arch of a double rainbow crests as the sun rises, looking west from southeast Spokane, Wash.



## Back on display

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## Sandy grave

Dead walrus lie on the shore of Icy Cape on the Chukchi Sea about 140 southwest of Barrow, Alaska. Up to 200 dead walrus were spotted by federal wildlife researchers from the U.S. Geological Survey who were on their way to a walrus-tagging project. The age of the dead animals and the cause of death are not known.



## Go fish

Jennifer Thomas wears a suit of an orange roughy fish as she and members of the Turtle Island Restoration Network rally outside of an Ocean Policy Task Force meeting in San Francisco. The Obama administration released the first glimpse of a plan to strengthen the way the nation manages the oceans, coasts and the Great Lakes.

## Court denies attempts to appeal death sentence

**AR** LITTLE ROCK — The Arkansas Supreme Court has denied or declared moot several motions by death row inmate Rickey Dale Newman in an effort to block appeals by his attorneys.

The 46-year-old Newman was sentenced to death for the 2001 mutilation death of 46-year-old Marie Cholette, of Fort Worth, Texas, at a transient camp near Van Buren.

The court said that portions of Newman's motions refer to a petition not pending before the court and are therefore moot. The court also said Newman could not pursue his own motions while also relying on attorneys to represent him.

The court in May denied Newman's motion to end his appeals. Newman said in a motion filed without his attorneys that his death "is the only and right thing" for him.

## Police: Defenestration cause of man's death

**NM** FARMINGTON — A New Mexico man fell to his death from a third-story hotel window while re-enacting a move from the "Ultimate Fighting Championship."

Police say 25-year-old Darenell Jones was pushed into the window while celebrating the marriage of a family member at a Farmington hotel. Police said the people in the room were drinking.

They say the window broke and that he fell 20 feet to the sidewalk below.

Jones was pronounced dead at the hospital. The case was forwarded to the district attorney's office for review.

## Longtime news anchor mistakenly drops F-bomb

**NY** NEW YORK — Veteran new anchor Ernie Anastos of Fox affiliate WNYW was bantering with the weatherman during a nightly newscast when he cheerfully dropped an F-bomb on the air. What he likely intended to say was, "Keep plucking that chicken."

Anastos didn't appear to recognize the error, though co-anchor Dari Alexander's eyes bugged out after he said it.

Just before the flub, Anastos told weatherman Nick Gregory, "It takes a tough man to make a tender forecast," a play on an old chicken commercial.

Videos of the mistake circulated widely online, as the phrase took on a life of its own.

Anastos apologized during the newscast the following day.

"I misspoke during last night's newscast," he said. "I apologize for my remarks to anyone who may have been offended."

## Residents to beautify L.A. parking spaces

**CA** LOS ANGELES — Activists across the nation are planning to occupy curbside parking spaces and transform them into mini parks with sod, potted plants and lawn chairs to draw attention to the lack of public space in big cities.

They expect to create hundreds of instant parks as part of a 4-year-old movement called Park(ing) Day.

On a busy street in Los Angeles, organizers plan to take up nine parking spots and set up a neighborhood hangout with a barbecue grill, lawn chairs, kiddie pool and gardening workshop. In gritty south L.A., a community group is expected to turn a parking space into a farmer's market stand.

Matthew Passmore, a co-founder of the movement, says the temporary parks challenge city dwellers to rethink the way streets are used.

## Judge orders mobsters to pay family damages

**MA** DEDHAM — A Massachusetts judge has ordered fugitive mob boss James "Whitey" Bulger and a cohort to pay \$15 million each to the family of 26-year-old woman after finding them liable for her 1981 murder.

Judge Patrick Brady also ordered Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi, serving a life sentence for 10 murders, to pay \$3 million for molesting the woman's younger sister, and an additional \$500,000 for intentionally inflicting emotional distress on the woman's mother. The sister and mother have both died.

Bulger, who just turned 80, remains on the loose.

Flemmi dated Debra Davis, and authorities allege she was killed because she knew too much about the mob bosses.

A lawyer for Davis' family tells The Boston Globe it's unclear whether Bulger and Flemmi have any assets to pay the judgment.

## Split board closes door on higher bus fares

**HI** HONOLULU — A Board of Education panel has failed to advance a proposal to raise public school bus fares.

The measure was killed when the Administrative Services Committee voted 4-4.

The Department of Education wanted to boost one-way fares from 35 cents to 75 cents. At the same time, the annual fee for riding the bus would climb from \$119.60 to \$225.

The increase was looked at as a way of helping to deal with \$227 million in budget cuts.

State Schools Superintendent Patricia Hamamoto says the department will now have to look elsewhere for additional money in these tight economic times.

Board members who opposed the proposal said they were concerned about the effect the higher fares would have on families.

## Settlement reached for drowned man, daughter

**KY** LOUISVILLE — A Kentucky family has reached a \$5 million settlement with the federal government over the deaths of two people washed over a 184-foot waterfall in a national park in Hawaii.

Dr. Holly Brown of Louisville and her son, Clayton, agreed to the settlement, which U.S. District Judge Charles Simpson approved.

Brown's husband, high school teacher Kevin Brown, and 8-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, were on vacation in 2003 when they were washed over Makahiki Falls in Haleakala National Park near Maui, Hawaii.

Stories and photos from wire services



# Horoscope

It's the last day of the Virgo sun and officially the last day of summer, as well. The brooding Scorpio moon helps us reflect on the season we just experienced and consider the soul-enriching aspects of our journey. Savor the Virgo energy by making a list of your top summer moments, and also a list of what you'd like to accomplish this fall.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 21).** People need you lately, and you have risen to the occasion to take care of them. So it will be a welcome break to be on the receiving end of lovely attention over the next 10 weeks. An investment pays in October. You'll celebrate happy news in December. Family travels together in May. July brings vows of love. Aries and Taurus people adore you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** A friend of a friend reaches out. Is there a romantic tinge to the gesture? It's unclear, but your feeling of warmth toward this do-gooder is well-founded. What will the next few weeks bring? You are the curious type, after all.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You've been hard on yourself, but then again, you didn't get where you are by being lackadaisical about your own success. Your self-esteem will improve when you start to set more reasonable aims for yourself.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Everyone is busy. It's almost reached the point of being a contest lately. That's not a contest you want to win, though. Clear some space. It's possible that by being less busy you'll get more accomplished.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** An unforeseen expense has put a wrinkle in your plans. Though it was an annoying surprise, your ability to meet that sudden financial need is a testament to your problem-solving prowess. Note: You are the one who perseveres.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** There might be a glitch or two, but it's nothing

so significant that you should ruin your day over it. In fact, your day is likely to be enhanced by the break you get when things don't go as planned.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Once you give your word, it's extremely important that you do what you said you would do. It's amazing what marvels you come up with when you don't give yourself any other choice.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Like a bad sitcom, everyone seems to make light of your position. They're not really laughing at you, but still, it's not exactly what you need right now, so it's good to know you have someone special you can count on.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Cheerfulness breeds good fortune. Negative vibes bring bad things. Navigate your business so that you'll constantly be around the kind of people who see your smile and respond in kind.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Someone feels great just being around you. You laugh at this person's jokes, admire his or her work and give generous compliments. It's no wonder this person is starting to fall for you.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** A phone call from a co-worker brings good news. Funny how worked up you were last week about job problems you couldn't control, because this week everything has fallen into place — it usually does for you!

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** There is nothing that can diminish your confidence now. You know you are giving your best; therefore, you can be proud of what you're doing regardless of the results it brings.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** A certain area of your life is getting overblown and out of control. Perhaps it's something you own that is turning out to be a money pit or require too much maintenance. Cut back. Living simply is living better.

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## Holiday Mathis



# SUDOKU

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Difficulty: Very Easy

Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)

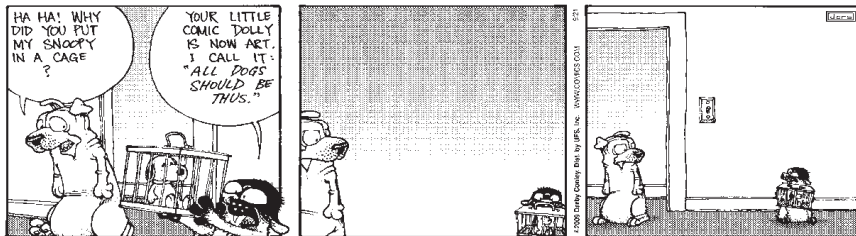
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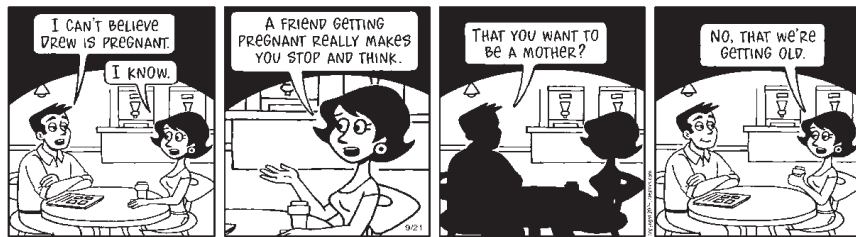
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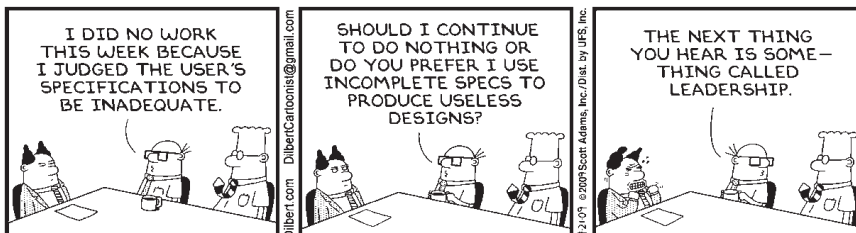
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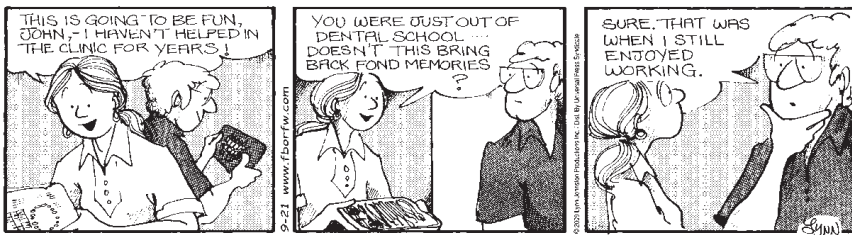
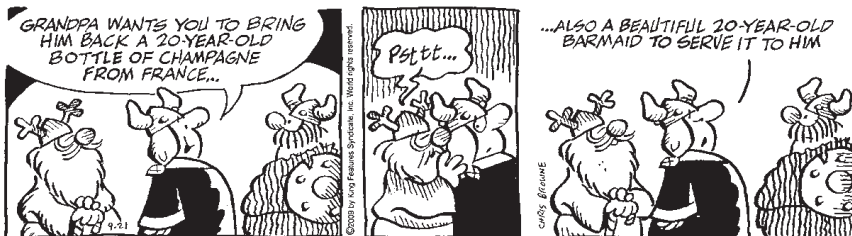
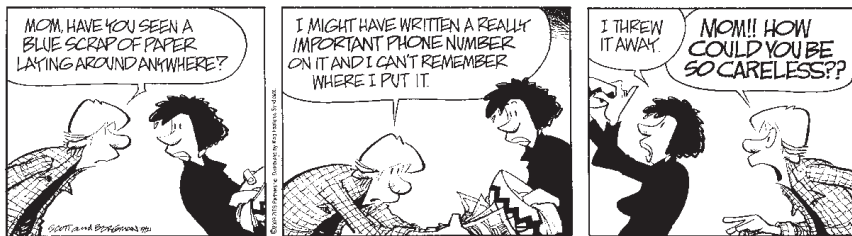
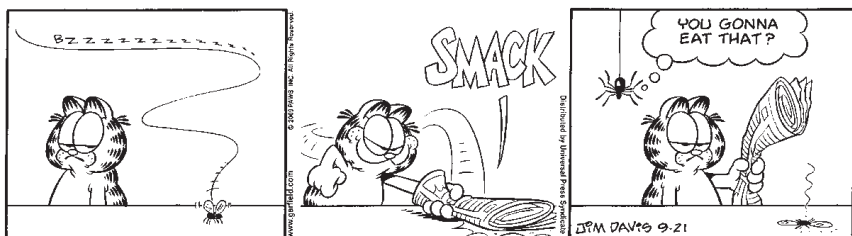
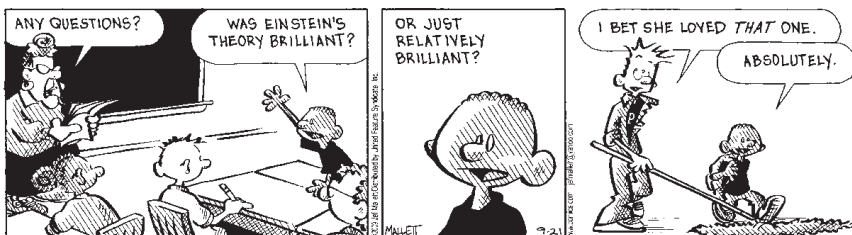


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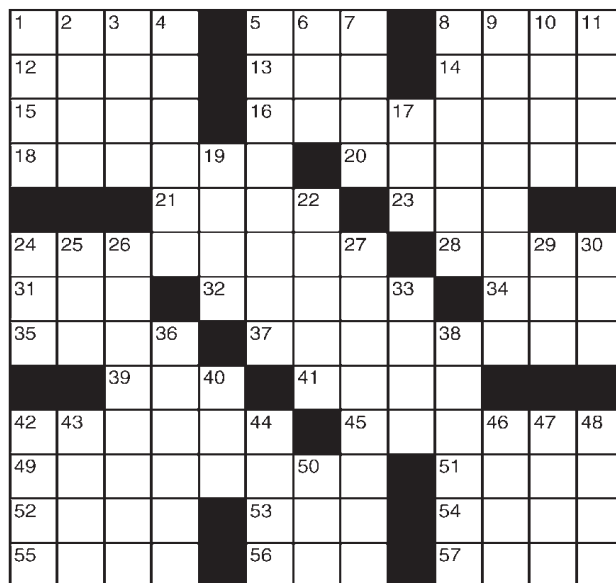


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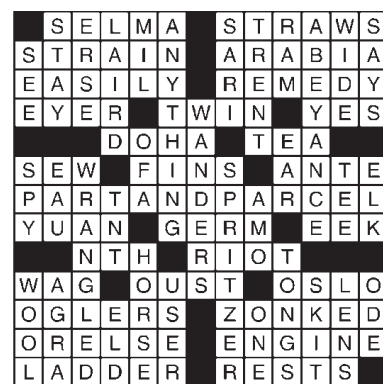
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11 Biblical handwring  
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17 Coquettish  
19 Tittle

**DOWN**

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| 2 Fine                       | 29 Sticky stuff   |
| 3 Thinness                   | 30 Coop occupant  |
| comparison                   | 33 Con game       |
| 4 As a whole                 | 36 It never ends  |
| 5 Organ                      | 38 Private        |
| component                    | instructors       |
| 6 Phone                      | 40 Butter serving |
| transmission                 | 42 Mortal Kombat  |
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| 8 Houston team               | 43 Winged         |
| 9 Rum recipe                 | 44 Pocket bread   |
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### Answer to Previous Puzzle



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## CRYPTOQUIP

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**Saturday's Cryptoquip:** I HEARD THIS VERY  
 INCREDIBLE LEGEND OF BLANKETS AND  
 AFGHANS. I THINK IT'S ONLY A COVER STORY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals L





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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
15:00	Entertainers	(2:40) Movie "Hey Arnold! The Movie" (2002)	(2:55) Movie "American Gigolo" (1980, Drama) Richard Gere, A Beverly Hills escort is framed for murder.	Huckabee	Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern Ecuador.	Fit For Duty	Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles	SportsCenter	(2:00) Sports
15:30						Battleground			
16:00	In Touch-Dr	Be the Creature "Staying Alive"		FOX Report	Ice Road Truckers "Hundred Ton Haul"	Week-Pentagon Army Newswatch	Heroes "Lizards"	Sports	Sports
16:30	T.D. Jakes								
17:00	The Coral Ridge Hour	SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie "Nine Months" (1995) Hugh Grant. Pregnancy throws a wrench into a man's easygoing lifestyle.	Newsroom	Survivor: Samoa	The Grill Sergeants	The 2009 Primetime Creative Arts Emmy Awards		
17:30	Crossing the Goal	The Fairly OddParents				USARJ This Week			
18:00	Austin City Limits "Trey Anastasio"	America's Funniest Home Videos		Glenn Beck	The Chris Matthews Show	Recon			
18:30					ESPN	FNG Useful benefits.			
19:00	MotorWeek	So You Think You Can Dance Auditions.	Movie "A Prairie Home Companion" (2006, Comedy) Meryl Streep, Lindsay Lohan, Kevin Kline.	CNN Sunday	20/20	Today's Air Force	Top Chef The contestants cook at Le Bernardin.	SportsCenter	Sports
19:30	At the Movies					Fit For Duty			
20:00	At Sea "Naval Aviation"	Smallville "Beast"		Week-Pentagon Army News Watch	In Plain Sight "In My Hum-boldt Opinion"	Battleground Recon Revisited	Criminal Minds "The Angel Maker"	College Football Final	
20:30				Today	Boston Legal "Mad Cows"	Week-Pentagon	Mad Men "Flight 1"	Boxing Juan Manuel Marquez vs. Floyd Mayweather Jr.	
21:00	The Civil War Draft Riots	Lincoln Heights "Dis-armed"	Movie "The Time Machine" (2002) Guy Pearce. A man travels into the future and battles monsters.	CBS News Sunday Morning	Headline News	Around the Services	Seinfeld "The Invitations"		Sports
21:30					Saturday Night Live	Around the Services	Friends		
22:00	Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern Ecuador.	Touched by an Angel "Fighting the Good Fight"				Around the Services	Law & Order "Harm"	SportsCenter	
22:30									
23:00	Ice Road Truckers "Hundred Ton Haul"	7th Heaven "Hoop Dreams"	(10:50) Movie "Alive" (1993) Ethan Hawke.	Face the Nation					
23:30									

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2009

00:00	Survivor: Samoa	So You Think You Can Dance Auditions.	(10:50) Movie "Alive" (1993) Ethan Hawke, Vincent Spano.	This Week With George Stephanopoulos	Comics Unleashed	Around the Services	24 "Day 6: 9:00PM - 10:00PM"	NFL Countdown	(10:00) Sports
00:30					Two and a Half Men	Fit For Duty			
1:00	Sports	Smallville "Beast"	(10) Movie "The Graduate" (1967) Dustin Hoffman, Anne Bancroft. An older woman seduces an aimless college man.	Meet the Press	NCIS "Bury Your Dead"	The Benning Report	Grey's Anatomy "Scars and Souvenirs"		Sports
1:30						The Grill Sergeants			
2:00		Lincoln Heights Eddie tries to prevent the release of a man.		America's News HQ	Cold Case "A Dollar, a Dream"	VA News	Prison Break "Boxed In"	NFL Football New England Patriots at New York Jets. From Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	
2:30						This Week in the Pentagon			
3:00		Touched by an Angel "Fighting the Good Fight"	(10) Movie "A Prairie Home Companion" (2006) Meryl Streep. A radio show's cast prepares for the final broadcast.	Newsroom	20/20	Army Newswatch	NUMB3RS "Provenance"		
3:30						FNG Useful benefits.			
4:00		7th Heaven "Hoop Dreams"		Your Money	In Plain Sight "In My Hum-boldt Opinion"	Battleground	Seinfeld "The Invitations"		Sports
4:30						Today's Air Force	Friends		
5:00	Sports	Teletubbies	(10) Movie "The Time Machine" (2002, Science Fiction) Guy Pearce. A man travels into the future and battles monsters.	America's News HQ	Boston Legal "Mad Cows"	Recon	Namaste Yoga	NFL Football Pittsburgh Steelers at Chicago Bears. From Soldier Field in Chicago. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	
5:30		Rolie Polie Olie				The American Veteran	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad		
6:00		Sesame Street		Fareed Zakaria GPS	Good Morning America	USARJ This Week	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives		
6:30						The Grill Sergeants	Paula's Home Cooking		
7:00		Bear in the Big Blue House	Entertainers	FOX News Sunday With Chris Wallace	This Week With George Stephanopoulos	This Week in the Pentagon	El News Entertainment news.		
7:30		Raggs				Army Newswatch	The Daily 10		
8:00	Sports	Dora the Explorer	The Big Tease	FOX Report	Sesame Street	Fit For Duty	The Morning Show With Mike & Juliet	Football Night in America (Live)	Sports
8:30		Ni Hao, Kai-lan	Entertainment Tonight			Downrange News from Iraq and Afghanistan.			
9:00	The 61st Primetime Emmy Awards Ceremonies honor excellence in TV programming.	Johnny and the Sprites	Movie "Monday After the Miracle" (1998, Drama) Roma Downey. The story of Helen Keller's years at Radcliffe College.	State of the Union With John King	The View		Reba "He's Having a Baby"	(15) NFL Football New York Giants at Dallas Cowboys. From Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	
9:30		Hi-5 Learning.				Fit For Duty	Living Single		
10:00		Peep-Big World		Hannity	Dr. Phil	FNG Useful benefits.	Guiding Light		
10:30		Super Why!				Fit For Duty			
11:00		Movie "A Goofy Movie" (1995, Comedy) Voices of Bill Farmer, Jason Marsden.	(10:50) Movie "National Lampoon's Animal House" (1978) John Belushi, Kevin Bacon.	Newsroom	The Dr. Oz Show	This Week in the Pentagon	Judge Judy		Sports
11:30						Fit For Duty	Judge Alex		
12:00	This Week			Huckabee	Access Hollywood	Battleground	Star Trek "The Squire of Gothos"	(15) SportsCenter	
12:30		Dora the Explorer	(40) Movie "Sabrina" (1995, Romance-Comedy) Harrison Ford, Julia Ormond, Greg Kinnear. A chauffeur's daughter awakens love in a rich workaholic.	Larry King Live	The King of Queens	Exchange on Air			
13:00	Meet the Press	Raggs			The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore	Roseanne "Less Is More"		
13:30		Bear in the Big Blue House		60 Minutes	General Hospital	Downrange	Girlfriends	SportsCenter	
14:00	Wall Street Journal Report	Sesame Street				FNG Useful benefits.	Emeril Live		Sports
14:30	ESPN					Recon			
15:00	Sesame Street	Funniest Home Videos	(2:50) Movie "Mystery, Alaska" (1999, Comedy) Russell Crowe. The New York Rangers play a local Alaskan hockey team.	State of the Union With John King	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Designers' Challenge	SportsCenter	
15:30		Planet's Funniest Animals				Battleground	The Soup		
16:00	The View	(3:50) Pokémon		This Week in the Pentagon	Oprah Winfrey	Tour of Duty	Storm Chasers "A New Season Begins"	Sports	Sports
16:30		(4:40) Zatch Bell		Up to the Minute		This Week in the Pentagon		MLB Baseball Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim at Texas Rangers. From Rangers Ballpark in Arlington, Texas. (Same-day Tape Subject to Blackout)	
17:00	Dr. Phil	(05) The Fairly OddParents	Entertainers		Wheel of Fortune	VA News	Live From the Red Carpet: The 2009 Primetime Emmy Awards		
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles		Face the Nation	Jeopardy!	Downrange			
18:00	The Dr. Oz Show	SpongeBob SquarePants	Entertainment Tonight	Newsroom	Wall Street Journal Report	Exchange on Air			
18:30		Hannah Montana			Around the Services	Army Newswatch	Reaper "Business Casualty"	SportsCenter	WWE SmackDown!
19:00	Access Hollywood	Unfabulous	Movie "Into the Storm" (2009) Brendan Gleeson, Janet McTeer. Prime Minister Winston Churchill fights Nazi aggression.	60 Minutes	The 61st Primetime Emmy Awards Ceremonies honor excellence in TV programming.	Briefing Encore	Reaper Sam challenges the Devil to a game.		
19:30	The King of Queens	Suite Life of Zack & Cody		Today		Fit For Duty			
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Smallville "Progeny"				Battleground			
20:30				Today		Recon			
21:00	General Hospital	Beverly Hills, 90210 "The Back Story"	(8:55) Movie "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" (2003, Science Fiction) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Nick Stahl.			This Week in the Pentagon	Fringe "The Same Old Story" Wildly accelerated pregnancy.	NFL Football New Orleans Saints at Philadelphia Eagles. From Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia. (Same-day Tape Subject to Blackout)	Pros vs. Joes
21:30						The Grill Sergeants			
22:00	Days of our Lives	Degrassi: Next Generation		America's Newsroom	The Jay Leno Show	Briefing Encore	Seinfeld "The Foundation"	Important Things-Martin	
22:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey				Recon Revisited	Friends	The Man Show	
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	7th Heaven "Talk to Me"	(10:55) Movie "Alien Resurrection" (1997) Winona Ryder	Newsroom	Pacific Report	Today's Air Force	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		Sports
23:30					Tonight Show-Conan O'Brien	Downrange	The Colbert Report		

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

00:00	Wheel of Fortune	Unfabulous	(10:55) Movie "Alien Resurrection" (1997) Winona Ryder	MSNBC Live	Tonight Show-Conan O'Brien	The American Veteran	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	SportsCenter	(11:00) Sports
00:30	Jeopardy!	Suite Life of Zack & Cody			Late Show With David Letterman	Fit For Duty			
1:00	Headline News	Smallville "Progeny"	(12:55) Movie "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" (1984, Adventure) Harrison Ford, Kate Capshaw, Ke Huy Quan.	Happening Now	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	The Grill Sergeants	Criminal Minds "Revelations"	SportsCenter	
1:30	ATS/AFN Report					Around the Services			
2:00	The 61st Primetime Emmy Awards Ceremonies honor excellence in TV programming.	Beverly Hills, 90210 "The Back Story"		Newsroom	Judge Judy	Downrange	NCIS "Smoked"	NFL Football New York Giants at Dallas Cowboys. From Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas. (Subject to Blackout)	WWE SmackDown!
2:30						All Hands TV			
3:00		Degrassi: Next Generation	(06) Movie "Into the Storm" (2009) Brendan Gleeson, Len Cariou. Prime Minister Winston Churchill fights Nazi aggression.	MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	Recon	October Road "Best Friend Windows"		
3:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey				State Dept Briefing			
4:00		7th Heaven "Talk to Me"		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Battleground	Seinfeld "The Foundation"		Pros vs. Joes
4:30						Around the Services	Friends		
5:00	The Jay Leno Show	Teletubbies	Movie "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" (2003)	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	Today's Air Force	Namaste Yoga	NFL Primetime	Important Things-Martin
5:30		Rolie Polie Olie			Headline News	The American Veteran	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad	The Man Show	

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Yokota, Japan - 1997 R33 Skyline - TS Ford or automatic silver skyline. Great A/C and heater Road Tax and insurance paid run great, lots of room, great family car. 40th Anniversary Skyline Edition Contact for more details. JCI until 2010 asking \$2000 Please call (904)229-0833 or email need to sell! A P hannahlovestigger@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 1997 Toyota Camry 4 door, ac/ heat/4 new tires/ tan/ powered windows and driver's seat / Japanese GPS/ both seats/ still has 1 yr JCI until Oct. 2010 asking price \$1200 OBO Please email gregg.matthew@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 1997 skyline GT25T- R33 body style automatic 6000K 17in BBS rims, 12 disc CD changer, in dash navigation system JCI until Aug. 2010 asking \$4500 OBO Please call 318-965-6318 or email farrellp@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 2000 Lincoln LS Low miles (80,XXX KM), V-8 Engine, TV/Navigation, sunroof, leather, CD player, 6-disc CD changer, Interior and engine very clean, runs well. Road tax paid, JCI good until June 2011, Power Doors and Locks, AC/Heat. Asking price \$2400 OBO If interested please call me via email at T\_bone281@me.com or at 090-6549-5007

Yokota, Japan - 95 Honda Odyssey Good/clean condition runs great, A/C, power windows, iPod docking station available on 21 Sep 89. JCI until June 2010. Asking price \$1000 OBO Please call 702-946-6075

### Autos for Sale 141

Yokota, Japan - 2000 Mazda RX7, 5PD, 85,000 KM, DEFI Gauge, intercooler, DVD/DIVX, blue tooth, iPod Bought three months ago from auction. The car needs owner who has time and patience to work on a few issues. RX7's are not for normal everyday drivers seriously. I bought this for \$6,000 and put about \$3,000 into it (stereo, tires, accessories, JCI expire July 2011, repairs). It's still has some issues and I am not a mechanic and don't have time to mess with it. Don't waste my time or yours. I want to be paid in cash or by check. I will not take payments has to be all or nothing. Serious inquiries only! \$8000 or very reasonable offer. Keep in mind. Top shape, go easily above \$13,000 - \$30,000 Please call 080-3588-0119

Yokota, Japan - Black 1994 Toyota Soarer w/ sun roof and JCI 2011, cold ac, clean interior, good tires, tinted windows, power windows, 6 disc CD changer, strong 21z engine, and JCI until 2011. Asking \$2500 OBO oil change will be done before selling the car. Please call if interested! need to sell ASAP! Contact will at 080-6756-8173

Yokota, Japan - Nissan skyline r32. Has a turbo timer and exhaust system runs good call 090-6145-6278 if interested or my work at 225 9191 from 6am to 6pm Tuesday through Friday. JCI expire 2011, Asking price \$1300 OBO.

Yokota, Japan - Silver 1998 Nissan Cube Great gas mileage. Available immediately, JCI until March 2010 asking \$1500 Please call (313) 347-1047

### Announcements

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### Autos for Sale 141

Yokota, Japan - Drive with Style. Black on Black 1995 Nissan Gloria VIP Brougham Fully Loaded. Custom Wheels Deep Dish, Lowered, Admiration Body Kit. Features includes: Touch screen Navigation, AM-FM, CD-Changer, TV, Automatic, P.W, P/L Turbo, and Keyless Entry Very Smooth. Serious Buyers Only Reduced Price from \$9000 to \$7000/OBO Similar features found on local net runs for \$10,000+. Won't last long. Call 090-6630-9557 or email jpyram@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - PCS Sale! 1996 Honda-SMPCPS Sale! This great little mini-van type thing has reliably hauled my family around Japan for the last year. I've kept up on the regular maintenance and the current year road tax is paid. I will May 2010 asking \$2100 OBO. Need to sell ASAP Call: Jason 080-4151-1869 / Nisha 1-614-358-4857

Yokota, Japan - R32 GSTT type M skyline Drift ready Speed RB20det engine r25 turbo new spark plugs FMIC GTR fuel pump HKS SSO blow off greddy prophy 1 E Boost controller front ten tension rods white GTR hood 314 kouki eye lids GTR front bumper aftermarket front fenders slotted brake rotors in the front and rear strut bar GTR driver seat Racing seatbelt harness W/padding CD player/ new rear speakers front and rear strut bars HICAS lock bar not installed yet but can. Shirmed diff. better then stock KTS fully adjustable coil over's aftermarket cone metal intake raso shift knob E-brake button aftermarket steering wheel full exhaust-down pipe straight pipe CB. R32 GTR rims/tires & stock sun roof. Plus more JCI Mar 2011. \$2200 OBO. Please 1-954-381-3971 state or email johnhorizalready@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 84 Yamaha XJ750 Due to PCS the Mad Max bike is for sale. I rode this bike year round all over. The Good: this bike runs like a top and is practically bullet proof. All four cylinders are running strong! I've jettied out the curbs to the max, customized the exhaust, improve the brakes w/ steel braided lines, recent new battery, good tires and JCI. The Bad: Low beam burned out, just use the high beam and point the headlight down, no problems. It smokes, but this just adds character. Maintenance manual and 1/2 quart of oil included. JCI until July 2010 asking price \$1000 OBO Call 080-3608-0028 or 080-4124-4860.

### Autos for Sale 141

Yokota, Japan - Selling a Navy Blue 1995 Toyota Vista with approx. 100,000 kilometers. JCI due in Nov. 2009 runs well, CD player and A/C work, automatic locks and windows. Two brand new front tires. Available after 01 Oct. asking \$1000 Please call 614-358-4886 or email jfknight20@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Toyota Estima van Due to PCS, please call: Hollie at 1-763-354-3526 GPS system Interior/Exterior great condition Power windows/locks A/C & Heater work great! AM/FM/CD Pioneer stereo w/ detachable face JVC speakers Seats 8 people 2nd row seats can be turned to face back row or lay down flat Back seats fold up to fit big items Van runs great! JCI good till July 2010 Road tax paid Asking \$1500 OBO Please call 763-354-3526 or email sarah1576a@hotmail.com

Zama - 2006 Chevrolet Corvette C6 Z06 Styling, Silver, 20" rims, American Spec, Excellent condition, Less than 25,000 miles, Garage kept, Glass Coating, Hurricane Intake, Bassani Exhaust System, Z06 Design, Leather Interior, Sport Racing Suspension, 450HP, JCI, Targa-Top, plus much more; Priced to sell, Kelly Blue Book, Serious Offers Only: 090-851-79568 or 268-4288

### Motorcycles 164

Yokota, Japan - 1992 Suzuki DR250 Blue and white, on-road/off-road dirt bike. No inspection required for JCI due to engine size (250 and below), Asking \$500 OBO call Troy Skidmore 1-443-524-6394

Yokota, Japan - 2003 Aprilia RSV 1000 new low price. Great Italian Sport bike! Less than 2000 km, 6-Speed, and 1000cc engine. Full LCD on-board computer with lap timer switches between metric and imperial units. JCI until May 2010 all original manuals included asking \$5000. Please email s.gurjan@yahoo.com for more info.

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## Motorcycles 164

Yokota, Japan - Aprilia RS 125 Motorcycle 2007 - 2900KM, JCI until Sept 2011, UMEIDA, sells new for 550,000 yen. Asking \$4500 OBO Please call 090-8504-7284

## Auto Parts 180

Yokota, Japan - Orion 15" Subwoofers Recently purchased subwoofer for about \$100.00 each. Plans changed, my lost your gain. I have two xtr3 series and two extra 2nd series. Asking \$75 each/OBO Please call 090-6630-9557 or email jnyram@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - TOMTOM ONE XL-S for \$100 Are you moving back to the states and a little nervous about getting around? Well, we're selling our GPS for \$100 because it sure does not work here. We only had it for 1 year and it still works great. Buy it from us! Please call 090-6301-4583

## Baby Items 200

Yokota, Japan - Aprica baby carrier please come to One city to pick it up or pay for the delivery fee asking \$5 Contact 080-1004-2765

Yokota, Japan - Double Stroller Nice, clean front and back double stroller. Paid \$100+shp. Asking \$75 OBO The picture is close to what the stroller looks like. Please only serious people that will show up to pick up contact me-Thanks! Please call 3145583462

Yokota, Japan - Fisher Price - Rainforest Bouncer Seat full of perks for both babies and parents, the Fisher-Price Rainforest Bouncer offers a place for baby to play, rest, and develop key motor, visual, and auditory skills. Designed for use from birth until baby can sit up unassisted, this activity seat features a fun and colorful jungle theme, complete with delightful toys and sounds. Gently used. Asking \$20 Please call 090 1793 3079

## Books 250

Yokota, Japan - HIST 156 UMUC Portrait of America: Volume 1: To 1877 Edition 9th by Stephen Oates, Charles J. Erioc. Asking \$35 Please call 12166198439 or email rabbia84@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - New Baby care Book practical guide to the first three years. By Dr. Miriam Stoppard asking \$10 Contact 080-1004-2765

Yokota, Japan - Speech 100 Book Tenth Edition Human Communication Book by Joseph A. DeVito is for sale for \$40 in good condition. Asking \$40 Please call 614-356-4866

## Books 250

Yokota, Japan - UMUC History 156 I have the books for History United States to 1865, please contact me for further detail. Asking \$35 OBO call 12166198439 or email rabbia84@hotmail.com

## Clothing 320

ETSing? Or just don't know what to do with those old uniforms. Wanted: worn out ACU's or ABUs. I am a Army Reservist ID card holder. Prefer Free, will pay small amount. Please MPS (free Military Postal Service) since I am in DE. For sewing project. Thank you! sy@cprompt.us 206-388-2947

Yokota, Japan - AF Men's Mess Dress Pants 32 inch waist x 32. I made the mistake of buying mess dress pants when I first commissioned. I wore them once and have since put on a couple of pounds. Email Rob @ carnac1980@yahoo.com if interested. Asking \$35 Please email sval514@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - David's Bridal Wedding Dress, Sips, and shoes Beautiful wedding dress (size 8), worn for 2 hours with slip (size 8). Wedding and reception was indoors so shoes (size 8) were not worn outside. My normal dress size is a 6 and this dress fit perfectly. Asking \$350. Contact William 4072593448 or email aia1c@williams999@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Halloween Costume - Girl Infant/Toddler Everything in photo included. Stride Rite Shoes Size 5M, One Size 18M, Scarf (Hair/Neck), Glasses, Belt, Skirt (18M-2T). I had to order from several different sites online to complete outfit. It was expensive. Only worn 3 times, excellent condition very cute! Asking \$15 Please email lailiani.sisson@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Ninja Costume - Boys Size Small Size Small - 100% Polyester Includes: Long Sleeve Top, Pants, Belt, 1 Mask w/ Red Dragons, and 1 Mask Plain Black. Asking \$5 Please email lailiani.sisson@yahoo.com

## Computers 360

Computer - Express Card 54 CAC reader, SCM3340. Eliminate the USB wires with an Express Card CAC reader for your Express Card capable laptop. \$30 plus \$12 shipping. Card worked well in my laptop but new laptop has a reader built in. Call Raymond at 713 877-9300 and leave message or email rrtor@alumni.rice.edu

## Computers 360

Yokota, Japan - Hp all in one, Keyboard, Mouse, & Small Desk I have a HP PSC 2170 all in one scan, copy and print, a Compact Keyboard and mouse, and a small computer desk that I am selling all together for a low price. Items can be sold separate as well. Asking \$50 Contact 4072593448 or email c.williams999@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - iMac Apple Care Protection Plan Perfectly good, ordered an extra to help get it to myself before the 1 yr deadline. My Loss your gain, perfectly good and unopened Paid \$150.00 Asking only \$125.00 OBO call Jeff 8503904299 or email medinal78@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Toshiba Laptop Intel core 2, 1.6gh, 10gb ram, preinstalled windows 7, RTM, Microsoft office 2007, avg. anti-virus, wirer, advance system care, Google chrome, Perfect for web browsing, home work and daily sausage. Asking \$300 OBO call 9043282069 or email all01085@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Used Toshiba Portege M200 Tablet for sale. Used condition but has had many upgrades. Comes with Windows XP Pro, Office 2007, and Symantec Anti-Virus and many other useful programs has Pentium M 1.60GHz Processor, CD/DVD-RW external drive, 1GB of RAM, 802.11g NIC, 120GB HDD, 12in screen Have a handy carrying case and wireless mouse included. Great system for traveling. Asking \$400 obo E-Mail: tsather31@gmail.com Pictures are stock pictures, not actual system.

## Crafts/Hobbies 380

Yokota, Japan - Tons of scrapbooking items-must go now I have tons of scrapbooking items for sale. You name it, it's probably here! I have everything bagged up into sets by themes, ready to go NOW! All priced extremely low to sell immediately. Prices start at \$2.50 a set - \$20 a set. If not home, please leave name and number so I may return your call. Please call 916-473-4488 Thank you. There are a lot of really cute items in these sets!

## Furniture 510

Negishi - Large black leather couch, great condition, moving must sell. 100.00 or best offer, call 08041281319

Yokota, Japan - 1 King size mattress for sale \$300 .CALL 090-4228-5896

Yokota, Japan - 1 twin bed set mattress, box spring and frame Asking \$200 Please call Lante 3147351005

## Furniture 510

Yokota, Japan - Quality entertainment Center w/ comp. desk-matching great way to consolidate everything into 1 piece, creating more space, less clutter, & having fewer items to dust. We are selling our beautiful custom made/custom designed entertainment center w/ lights and matching computer desk set (we are selling both items together). No Asian design! These will last someone a very long time, & were taken exc. care of. There's nothing wrong w/ them. We are changing decor when we move. I ask that only serious buyers call us to see in person. I'm sorry, I do not have pictures to email-I ask you see in person. We paid a lot to have these pieces custom designed/made. Not asking nearly what we paid. Asking \$3500 for the set, & a payment arrangement can be made. You must provide your own delivery though. Contact Angela 916-473-4488

## Household Items 560

Yokota, Japan - I have a Big Tea Box for sale. The size is 17" x 20" x 27". This is good for keeping cloth or keeping something important. Or you can decorate it and use as display. Outside is wood and inside is aluminum made \$25 each, 2 for \$45 or 4 for \$80. Please call I have a Big Tea Box for sale. The size is 17" x 20" x 27". Please call 090-9825-3805 or email yokotajapan73@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Kitchen Cabinet plus misc. household items Kitchen cabinet \$30. Doll and case \$20. blender, coffee maker, floor fan, vacuum, paper shredder, rice cooker, floor lamp, and more \$5 to \$10 each. Massage pad on swivel rattan chair \$15. Coffee table, Asking \$30 Please call 6143584904

Yokota, Japan - Longaberger Vintage Vine Pottery Collection Cree. This Longaberger line has retired. It is in excellent condition, never used. I have a setting for eight plus serving dishes. I am willing to negotiate within reason. These are great for hosting any occasion. Asking \$500 Please call 214-261-6370

## Home Electronics 570

Yokota, Japan - 32GB iPod Touch Lightly used 32GB iPod Touch in box. Includes head-phones, leather carrying case, charging cable and wall charger. Asking \$250 OBO Please call 080-6772-2480

Yokota, Japan - Big screen TV and wall unit \$600 OBO Please call 6013262447 or email heavenlyym@yahoo.com

## Home Electronics 570

Yokota, Japan - Guitar Hero-Full Set for PS3 Description Comes with 2 guitars, drums, and microphone. 4 games are: Guitar Hero: World Tour Guitar Hero: Legends of Rock Guitar Hero: Metallica Guitar Hero: Aerosmith Everything works perfectly just don't play it anymore but it's a lot of fun. Asking \$175 Call Rob or Kristen at 1-702-946-6079

Yokota, Japan - Guitar Hero-HS3-Full Set with 4 games Comes with 2 guitars, drums, and microphone. 4 games are: Guitar Hero: World Tour Guitar Hero: Legends of Rock Guitar Hero: Metallica Guitar Hero: Aerosmith Everything works perfectly. Just don't play it anymore but it's a lot of fun. Asking \$225 Call Rob or Kristen at 1-702-946-6079

Yokota, Japan - I have a 42" Sony Bravia HD flat screen television that I want to sell for \$800. I bought it 4 months ago. It is in perfect condition. I bought for \$1300 and I just need the money. Asking price \$800 If you would like pictures or to come by and look at it. My contact number is 080-3426-2963 or 17134900819. My email is rim71115@aol.com

Yokota, Japan - I have two 27" TV's I'm trying to get rid off Must go ASAP! I got married and we chipped in for one large TV for the living room. SO! No need for the other two. Are you new in the dorms? Need a TV for your kids? Need one in the bedroom? Or maybe another TV in the diction to watch your favorite shows while preparing dinner! This is perfect for you! SO! Asking \$60 Call Sarah Mosca 903-386-0550

Yokota, Japan - JVC GZ-MC200 Mini Camcorder 1/3.6-inch CCD imager with 2.12-megapixel resolution. Micro-drive format lets you shoot up to 60 minutes of high-quality MPEG-2 video 10x optical zoom with image stabilization 1.8-inch LCD screen Also supports Compact Flash and SD Memory Cards, USB2.0, DV-AVI, Windows-AVI, MPEG-1 and MPEG-2, Windows Media Video, and Real Video and also works as a Digital audio player this link has detailed pictures and review http://www.camcorderinfo.com/content/JVC-GZ-MC200-Camcorder-Review.htm asking \$120 Please call 090 1793 3079 or email chrisanba@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Nintendo DS lite with games and case Used Nintendo DS late with 4 games (Need for Speed Undercover, Devil Survivor, Big Bang Mini, and Dokapon Journey) and an official Nintendo DS carrying case. Same price as Game stop without games or case! Asking \$100 Please call 090-6302-7485

## Home Electronics 570

Yokota, Japan - Onkyo Home Theater 5.1 surround sound home theater system, 500W, with remote. Good condition. Asking \$100 OBO call 080-6772-2480

Yokota, Japan - Sony complete surround sound entertainment system. Have the receiver DVD player, subwoofer and 5 speakers. Model number HCD-DX150 asking \$60 Contact William 4072593448 or email c.williams999@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Subwoofers for Sale: Two 15" DVC Orion XTR Series 2. Originally purchased for \$100 each here in Japan My lost is your gain. Plans have changed and need to sale them. Asking \$75.00 each/OBO Please call 090-6630-9557 or email jnyram@gmail.com

## Musical Instruments 740

Yokota, Japan - Amazing Keyboard! This key board teaches you how to play! Light up screen shows proper hand placement and teaches you how to read music as well! Asking \$100 Call Sarah Mosca 903-386-0550

## Outdoor Living 775

Yokota, Japan - 2 Person Trail Tent - Brand New I got this tent and never used it so I am getting rid of it to someone that can use it more. It is brand new, still factory sealed and never opened or used asking \$15. Size is 7' x 4.6' thanks asking \$15 Please call 8583686846 or email jcwang77@aol.com

Yokota, Japan - Two Person Trail Tent Camouflage Brand New Factory I have a brand new, sealed, never opened 2 person trail tent. The size is 7' x 4.6' with center height of 38". I got it hoping to go camping but never got around to it. Asking \$15 Please call 8583686846 or email jcwang77@aol.com

## Pets 820

Yokota, Japan - Black lab for sale comes with kennel food bowls toys he's 1 year old. I think he's up on his shots. He's kennel trained. He's a good dog he's good with other dogs and children and cats. Asking \$250 P l e a s e e m a i l yokotaads123@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Freshwater Fish 16 Fish for Sale! Boesemani Rainbows, Cichlids, Dwarfs (Orange & Blue), Red Platy, Bala Sharks, and Plecos (algae eaters) Asking \$80 for all. Contact J o a q u i n C a m a c h o 702-946-6075

Yokota, Japan - Saltwater Powder Brown Tang Beautiful fish to watch. Asking \$20 Please call (323)338-7553 or email mdfisherman@hotmail.com

## Pets 820

Yokota, Japan - Saltwater Scopa Tang Zinches long. The Scopas tang is predominantly herbivorous, but will eat a variety of foods in captivity. They're not finicky, the Scopas tang is predominantly herbivorous, but will eat a variety of foods in captivity. They're not finicky eaters and, if otherwise healthy, will adapt quickly to prepared foods such as spirulina-enriched flakes, dried macro-algae, my sis and brine shrimp, and other meaty sea-foods. Asking \$15 Please call (323)338-7553 or email mdfisherman@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Saltwater fish Blue Tang 3inches long The Blue Tang boasts a vibrant electric blue body dressed with black markings. It is also called the Pacific Blue Tang, and Hepatus or Regal Tang. Regardless of common name, Acanthurus hepatus fish is equal parts beauty and peacefulness that suits almost any large community marine aquarium. Asking \$60 firm Please call (323)338-7553

## Pet Accessories 822

Yokota, Japan - Aqua pod 12gal reef setup with stand Aqua pod nano cube 12 gallon reef aquarium. Healthy Full set up including clown fish, pistol shrimp, snails, hermit crabs, corals (frogspawn, polyps, mushrooms, etc) 10 pieces of small/mediums size live rock, aragante sand, 5 gallons of reef salt, test kits, reef supplements, designer stand, timer, and brand new extra light bulbs. Little maintenance with current set up. To recreate this set up would cost well over \$500. Will consider parting out. Asking \$250 Please call 080-3515-2218 or email drewbarnett@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Dog Kennel. Only 7 months old, still in good condition. There is nothing wrong with it. Our dog just grew out of it. It is 36x25x27 and says it's for large dogs, but would be better for medium size dog. Asking \$50.00 Please call 617-896-4623 or email gashandgufo4@hotmail.com

## Homes/Apts for Rent - US 866

Sasebo - Townhouse for Rent in Gaithersburg, Maryland. 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, Wood floors, fresh paint, furnished kitchen. 22 minute-drive to Bethesda Naval Medical Center. Asking Rent: \$1325. For inquiries, please call 080-3360-2323

## Toys 945

Yokota, Japan - Huge plastic little Tikes toy box blue and white. Hold everything. We downsized our toys and we no longer need it due to PCS. Asking \$25 for it Please call 3145583462 or email cowan04@hotmail.com

## Sporting Goods 980

Yokota, Japan - Fitted 59 fifty hats all brand new never worn. Mostly NY team size 7 1/2 I have 9 and would like to sell all together I paid upwards of \$50, for some of these hats. Asking \$150 for all. Please email Dave mxcr2502000@yahoo.com


Yokota, Japan - youth/junior golf sets-I have 2 I ask that only serious buyers please contact us. I have 2 Youth / Junior Golf Sets in great shape. Nothing wrong w/ them-my children have outgrown them, and want to upgrade. These are great if you have a child who loves to golf, or has a child in middle school who has plan to join the golf club. We are only asking \$35 each set great way to save money. If we are not home, Please leave your name w/ a good contact number. Call 916-473-4488 Thank you.

## Miscellaneous 1040

Schofield Barracks, HI - NAVIGON 5100S110 GPS for \$200.00. Works great in Europe and the U.S. In good condition and comes with a 220v charger. Email:rainatallg@yahoo.com if interested.

Yokota, Japan - Halloween noise makers mummy greeter sings DA DA DA \$10 talking skull - voice Please call (323)338-7553 or email mdfisherman@hotmail.com

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**Sunday**  
**AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.**-College football: Georgia at Arkansas (dld).  
**AFN-Xtra, 4 p.m.**-College football: Florida State at Brigham Young (dld).  
**AFN-Xtra, 7 p.m.**-College football: West Virginia at Auburn (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.**-Boxing: Floyd Mayweather vs. Juan Manuel Marquez, welterweights (dld).  
**AFN-Xtra, 10 p.m.**-Auto racing: IndyCar Indy Japan 300 (dld).

**Monday**  
**AFN-Atlantic, 2 a.m.**-NFL: Carolina at Atlanta.  
**AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.**-NFL: New England at N.Y. Jets.  
**AFN-Xtra, 3 a.m.**-Auto racing: NASCAR Sprint Cup Sylvania 300.  
**AFN-Atlantic, 5 a.m.**-NFL: Baltimore at San Diego.  
**AFN-Sports, 5 a.m.**-NFL: Pittsburgh at Chicago.  
**AFN-Xtra, 6:30 a.m.**-NFL: Tampa Bay at Buffalo (joint in progress).  
**AFN-Xtra, 9 a.m.**-MLB: Chicago Cubs at St. Louis.  
**AFN-Sports, 9:15 a.m.**-NFL: N.Y. Giants at Dallas.  
**AFN-Xtra, 4 p.m.**-Ultimate fighting: UFC 103, Rich Franklin vs. Vitor Belfort (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 4:30 p.m.**-MLB: L.A. Angels at Texas (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.**-NFL: New Orleans at Philadelphia (dld).  
**AFN-Xtra, 11 p.m.**-Ultimate fighting: UFC 103, Rich Franklin vs. Vitor Belfort (dld).

**Tuesday**  
**AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.**-NFL: N.Y. Giants at Dallas (dld).  
**AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.**-Drag racing: NHRA Nationals (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m.**-NFL: Indianapolis at Miami.  
**AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.**-MLB: N.Y. Yankees at L.A. Angels.  
**AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.**-MLB: Minnesota at Chicago White Sox (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.**-NFL: Indianapolis at Miami (dld).

All times are Japan and Korea Standard; (dld) indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit [www.myafn.net](http://www.myafn.net) for more information.

Pro hockey

NHL preseason EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division									
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
New Jersey	1	0	0	2	3	2			
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	2	8	8			
N.Y. Islanders	0	2	1	1	8	10			
N.Y. Rangers	0	2	1	1	6	9			
Philadelphia	0	2	0	0	1	7			
Northeast Division									
Boston	2	0	0	4	5	3			
Toronto	2	1	0	4	10	6			
Montreal	2	0	0	4	5	3			
Buffalo	0	0	1	1	3	4			
Ottawa	0	3	0	0	3	6			
Southeast Division									
Florida	2	2	0	4	7	9			
Tampa Bay	1	0	1	3	5	5			
Washington	1	0	0	2	4	3			
Atlanta	0	1	1	1	1	7			
Carolina	0	1	0	0	2	4			
WESTERN CONFERENCE Central Division									
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Detroit	2	0	0	4	7	4			
Nashville	2	0	0	4	9	2			
St. Louis	2	0	0	4	9	3			
Columbus	0	1	1	1	4	7			
Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Northwest Division									
Edmonton	3	0	0	6	11	3			
Vancouver	3	0	0	6	11	3			
Colorado	1	1	0	2	5	7			
Minnesota	1	1	0	2	3	3			
Calgary	1	1	0	2	6	8			
Pacific Division									
Los Angeles	1	1	1	3	7	9			
Anaheim	2	1	0	4	7	7			
Phoenix	1	1	2	4	12	13			
Dallas	1	1	0	2	5	6			
San Jose	1	1	0	2	4	7			

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.  
**Friday's games**  
Nashville 4, Carolina 2  
Toronto 4, Pittsburgh 3  
Montreal 2, Ottawa 1  
Tampa Bay 2, Atlanta 1, OT  
Detroit 4, N.Y. Rangers 3  
St. Louis 6, Colorado 2  
Minnesota 2, Columbus 0  
Edmonton 4, Florida 0  
Anaheim 4, Phoenix 3, OT  
Vancouver 6, San Jose 2  
**Saturday's games**  
N.Y. Rangers at Boston  
Montreal at Ottawa  
Philadelphia at Toronto  
Buffalo at Detroit  
Dallas at St. Louis  
Columbus at Nashville  
Calgary vs. N.Y. Islanders at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan  
Washington at Chicago  
Edmonton at Vancouver  
Phoenix at San Jose  
Anaheim at Los Angeles

**Friday's transactions**  
**BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
**BALTIMORE ORIOLES**—Placed Of Nolan Reimold on the 15-day DL.  
**KANSAS CITY ROYALS**—Assigned RHP Federico Castaneda, RHP Blake Wood and LHP Brandon Sisk to Surprise (AFL).  
**NEW YORK YANKEES**—Called up INF Juan Miranda from Scranton-Wilkes Barre (IL).  
**OAKLAND ATHLETICS**—Purchased the contract of OF Matt Carson from Sacramento (PCL). Placed RHP Vin Mazzaro on the 60-day DL, retroactive to Sept. 8.  
**National League**  
**SAN DIEGO PADRES**—Activated RHP Mike Adams from the 15-day DL.  
**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
**LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS**—Named John Lucas assistant coach.  
**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
**NFL**—Fined San Diego QB Philip Rivers \$7,500 for taunting in a Sept. 14 game at Oakland. Fined Arizona S Adrian Wilson \$10,000 for a hit on San Francisco WR Vernon Davis during a Sept. 13 game.  
**BUFFALO BILLS**—Signed CB Terrence McGee to a contract extension.

**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
**NHL**—Suspended N.Y. Islanders F Pascal Morency indefinitely for his actions during Thursday night's preseason game against Calgary.  
**ANAHEIM DUCKS**—Assigned LW Josh Brittain, D Mat Clark, G Marco Cousineau, C Nicolas Deschamps, C Peter Holland and D Stefan Warg to their junior teams.  
**CAROLINA HURRICANES**—Assigned F Matt Kennedy to Guelph (OHL).  
**CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS**—Assigned F Akim Aliu, F Dan Bertram, F Nathan Davis, F Bryan Ewing, F Adam Hobson, F Bracken Kearns, F Peter MacArthur, F Derek Nesbitt, D Michael Brennan, D Jonathan Carlsson, D Simon Danis-Pepin, D David Phillips, G Joe Fallon and G Alec Richards to Rockford (AHL).  
**TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS**—Acquired the rights to RW Phil Kessel for a first- and second- round pick in the 2010 draft and a 2011 first-round draft pick.

**SOCCER**  
**Major League Soccer**  
**COLUMBUS CREW**—Signed G Kenny Schoeni.  
**COLLEGE**  
**BIG TEN**—Suspended Michigan LB Jonas Mouton for one game for punching Patrick Williams during a Sept. 12 game against Notre Dame.  
**AKRON**—Suspended QB Chris Jacquemain for an indefinite period for violating a team policy.  
**AUBURN**—Announced senior WR Montez Billings has left the football team for personal reasons.  
**KENT STATE**—Named Carrie Sordel women's assistant golf coach.  
**POINT PARK**—Named Jeff Allen and Mark Perhacs men's and women's assistant golf coaches.  
**ST. EDWARD'S**—Named Brenda Niemeyer women's tennis coach.  
**SETON HALL**—Named Colin Hampton coordinator of basketball operations.

Golf

Samsung World Championship			
Friday			
At Torrey Pines-South Course			
San Diego			
Purse: \$1 million			
Yardage: 6,721; Par: 72			
Second Round			
Jiyai Shin	66-69	-135	-9
Ai Miyazato	68-68	-136	-8
Lorena Ochoa	67-69	-136	-8
Sophie Gustafson	67-70	-137	-7
Cristie Kerr	72-66	-138	-6
Na Yeon Choi	71-67	-138	-6
Paula Creamer	69-69	-138	-6
Song-Hee Kim	66-72	-138	-6
Brittany Lincicome	70-70	-140	-4
Yani Tseng	75-66	-141	-3
Catriona Matthew	74-68	-142	-2
Juli Inkster	68-74	-142	-2
Suzann Pettersen	71-72	-143	-1
Karrie Webb	73-72	-145	+1
Lindsey Wright	73-72	-145	+1
Kristy McPherson	72-73	-145	+1
In-Kyung Kim	73-74	-145	+1
Anna Nordqvist	71-74	-145	+1
Angela Stanford	72-74	-146	+2
Eun-Hee Ji	78-73	-151	+7

TANK McNAMARA

It's Monday night. USA Today collects ballots for the hallowed American Football Coaches Assn's Top 25 football poll ...

**Indy Japan 300**  
**IRL IndyCar Series Saturday At Twin Ring Motegi Motegi, Japan**

Starting position in parentheses, driver, chassis-engine, laps completed and reason out (if any):  
1. (1) Scott Dixon, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running  
2. (3) Dario Franchitti, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running  
3. (5) Graham Rahal, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running  
4. (7) Oriol Servia, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running  
5. (2) Mario Moraes, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running  
6. (6) Danica Patrick, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running  
7. (14) Marco Andretti, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running  
8. (8) Dan Wheldon, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running  
9. (12) Raphael Matos, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running  
10. (21) Helio Castroneves, Dallara-Honda, 199, Running  
11. (23) Tony Kanaan, Dallara-Honda, 199, Running  
12. (9) Justin Wilson, Dallara-Honda, 199, Running  
13. (11) Ed Carpenter, Dallara-Honda, 198, Running  
14. (22) Hideki Mutoh, Dallara-Honda, 198, Running  
15. (8) E.J. Viso, Dallara-Honda, 198, Running  
16. (9) Robert Doornbos, Dallara-Honda, 198, Running  
17. (16) Kosuke Matsuura, Dallara-Honda, 195, Running  
18. (4) Ryan Briscoe, Dallara-Honda, 185, Running  
19. (20) Stanton Barrett, Dallara-Honda, 182, Running  
20. (17) Roger Yasukawa, Dallara-Honda, 172, Running  
21. (15) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Dallara-Honda, 157, Contact  
22. (13) Mike Conway, Dallara-Honda, 103, Contact  
23. (10) Tomas Scheckter, Dallara-Honda, 83, Mechanical

**Race Statistics**  
**Winner's average speed:** 163.400 mph  
**Time of race:** 1:51:37.6411  
**Margin of victory:** 1.4475 seconds  
**Cautions:** 2 caution flags for 23 laps  
**Lead changes:** 7 among 4 drivers  
**Lap leaders:** Dixon 1-49, Franchitti 50-102, Briscoe 103-106, Dixon 107, Briscoe 108, Dixon 109-160, Rahal 161-163, Dixon 164-200.  
**Driver standings:** Dixon 570, Franchitti 565, Briscoe 562, Castroneves 403, Patrick 381, Andretti 368, Rahal 366, Kanaan 354, Wheldon 342, Wilson 334.

**Hickory Classic**  
**Champions Tour Friday Rock Barn Golf & Spa Conover, N.C. Purse: \$1,750,000 Yardage: 7,090; Par: 72 (36-36) First Round**

Jay Haas	30-32	-62	-10	Benn Barham, England	63-66	-67	-196
Gil Morgan	34-31	-65	-7	Soren Hansen, Denmark	67-67	-65	-199
Tom Jenkins	34-32	-66	-6	Richard Green, Australia	65-66	-69	-200
Nick Price	32-34	-66	-6	Louis Oosthuizen, South Africa	69-67	-65	-201
Jerry Pate	32-34	-66	-6	Markus Brier, Austria	68-70	-65	-203
Steve Thomas	35-32	-67	-5	Brett Rumford, Australia	64-71	-68	-203
Russ Cochran	33-34	-67	-5	Rafael Cabrera-Bello, Spain	68-67	-69	-204
Hal Sutton	32-35	-67	-5	Scott Drummond, Scotland	64-68	-72	-204
Jeff Sluman	33-34	-67	-5	David Drysdale, Scotland	69-68	-67	-204
Dan Forsman	31-36	-67	-5	Pelle Edberg, Sweden	68-65	-71	-204
Bobby Wadkins	34-33	-67	-5	Jean-Baptiste Gonnert, France	65-70	-69	-204
Mark Wiebe	33-34	-67	-5	David Howell, England	69-69	-66	-204
Chris Starkjohann	35-32	-67	-5	Pablo Martin, Spain	66-68	-70	-204
Ronnie Black	36-32	-68	-4				
Larry Mize	35-33	-68	-4				
Fulton Allem	32-36	-68	-4				
Gene Jones	33-35	-68	-4				

**Sylvania 300 lineup**  
**NASCAR Sprint Cup At New Hampshire Motor Speedway Loudon, N.H. Lap length: 1.058 miles (Car number in parentheses)**

1. (42) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 133,431 mph.  
2. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 132,581.  
3. (2) Kurt Busch, Dodge, 132,581.  
4. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 132.03.  
5. (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 132.012.  
6. (12) David Stremme, Dodge, 131,943.  
7. (1) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 131,852.  
8. (71) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet, 131,847.  
9. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 131,829.  
10. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 131,788.  
11. (9) Casey Kahne, Dodge, 131.76.  
12. (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 131,724.  
13. (00) David Reutimann, Toyota, 131,51.  
14. (5) Mark Martin, Chevrolet, 131,365.  
15. (66) Dave Blaney, Toyota, 131,352.  
16. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 131,234.  
17. (33) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 131,234.  
18. (39) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 131,229.  
19. (07) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 131,089.  
20. (87) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 131,08.  
21. (55) Michael Waltrip, Toyota, 131,058.  
22. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 131,031.  
23. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 131,017.  
24. (77) Sam Hornish Jr., Dodge, 131,008.  
25. (43) Reed Sorenson, Dodge, 130,914.  
26. (83) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 130,649.  
27. (82) Scott Speed, Toyota, 130,649.  
28. (7) Robby Gordon, Toyota, 130,635.  
29. (26) Jamie McMurray, Ford, 130,617.  
30. (64) Mike Wallace, Toyota, 130,613.  
31. (47) Marcos Ambrose, Toyota, 130,595.  
32. (31) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 130,474.  
33. (20) Joey Logano, Toyota, 130,452.  
34. (44) AJ Allmendinger, Dodge, 130,42.  
35. (19) Elliott Sadler, Dodge, 130,304.  
36. (37) Tony Raines, Dodge, 129,9.  
37. (96) Erik Darnell, Ford, 129,789.  
38. (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 129,626.  
39. (09) Aric Almirola, Dodge, 129,331.  
40. (98) Paul Menard, Ford, 129,055.  
41. (34) John Andretti, Chevrolet, 128,841.  
42. (6) David Ragan, Ford, Owner Points.  
43. (36) Michael McDowell, Toyota, 129,283.

**Austrian Open**  
**PGA Europe Saturday At Fontana Golf Club Oberwaltersdorf, Austria Purse: \$1.46 million Yardage: 7,361; Par: 71 Third Round**

Benn Barham, England	63-66	-67	-196
Soren Hansen, Denmark	67-67	-65	-199
Richard Green, Australia	65-66	-69	-200
Louis Oosthuizen, South Africa	69-67	-65	-201
Markus Brier, Austria	68-70	-65	-203
Brett Rumford, Australia	64-71	-68	-203
Rafael Cabrera-Bello, Spain	68-67	-69	-204
Scott Drummond, Scotland	64-68	-72	-204
David Drysdale, Scotland	69-68	-67	-204
Pelle Edberg, Sweden	68-65	-71	-204
Jean-Baptiste Gonnert, France	65-70	-69	-204
David Howell, England	69-69	-66	-204
Pablo Martin, Spain	66-68	-70	-204

**Friday's scores**  
**EAST**  
Nichols 21, Worcester St. 20  
**FAR WEST**  
Boise St. 51, Fresno St. 34

Friday's AP Top 25 summary No. 10 Boise State 51, Fresno State 34

**Boise St.** 10 14 10 17-51  
**Fresno St.** 0 17 10 7-34  
**First Quarter**  
Boi—Venable 30 interception return (Brotzman kick), 13:05.  
Boi—FG Brotzman 32, 8:49.  
**Second Quarter**  
Boi—Harper 60 run (Brotzman kick), 12:35.  
Fre—FG Goessling 37, 9:44.  
Boi—Young 7 pass from Ke.Moore (Brotzman kick), 7:49.  
Fre—Mathews 69 run (Goessling kick), 7:33.  
Fre—Mathews 60 run (Goessling kick), 4:58.  
**Third Quarter**  
Boi—FG Brotzman 30, 12:28.  
Fre—Wylie 21 pass from Colburn (Goessling kick), 11:39.  
Boi—Young recovered fumble in end zone (Brotzman kick), 10:44.  
Fre—FG Goessling 27, 3:12.  
**Fourth Quarter**  
Boi—Pettis 8 pass from Ke.Moore (Johnston kick), 14:14.  
Fre—Mathews 68 run (Goessling kick), 13:26.  
Boi—Avery 67 pass from Ke.Moore (Johnston kick), 13:00.  
Boi—FG Johnston 24, 4:00.  
A—53,637.

	Boi	Fre
First downs	15	17
Rushes-yards	29-299	39-320
Passing	181	187
Comp-Att-Int	18-26-0	14-30-2
Return Yards	77	0
Punts-Avg.	3-47.7	4-45.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-82	6-43
Time of Possession	27:33	32:27

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**Rushing—Boise St.**, Avery 11-186, Harper 12-107, Hodge 1-10, Ke.Moore 2-4, Martin 1-2, Team 1-(minus 1), Young 1-(minus 9). **Fresno St.**, Mathews 19-234, Rouse 7-53, Colburn 6-21, Miller 2-9, Harding 1-2, Feathers 3-2, Team 1-(minus 1).  
**Passing—Boise St.**, Ke.Moore 18-26-0-181. **Fresno St.**, Colburn 14-29-18-27, Mathews 0-1-0-0.  
**Receiving—Boise St.**, Avery 5-83, Pettis 5-34, Young 3-29, Efaw 2-23, Burroughs 2-5, Harper 1-7. **Fresno St.**, Wylie 4-37, Hamler 3-19, West 2-71, Ajirrotutu 2-27, Newborn 1-27, Pascoe 1-8, Marl.Moore 1-(minus 2).

Pro basketball

**WNBA playoffs (x-if necessary)**  
**FIRST ROUND**  
**BEST OF three**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Indiana 1, Washington 0**  
**Thursday:** Indiana 88, Washington 79  
**Saturday:** Washington at Indiana  
**x-Monday:** Washington at Indiana  
**Detroit 2, Atlanta 0**  
**Wednesday:** Detroit 94, Atlanta 89  
**Friday:** Detroit 94, Atlanta 79  
**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**San Antonio 1, Phoenix 0**  
**Thursday:** San Antonio 92, Phoenix 91  
**Saturday:** San Antonio at Phoenix  
**x-Monday:** San Antonio at Phoenix  
**Los Angeles 1, Seattle 1**  
**Wednesday:** Los Angeles 70, Seattle 63  
**Friday:** Seattle 75, Los Angeles 74  
**Sunday:** Los Angeles at Seattle

**NBA calendar**  
**Sept. 26** — Training camps open for teams competing in overseas exhibitions.  
**Sept. 29** — Training camps open for all other teams.  
**Oct. 23** — Preseason ends.  
**Oct. 26** — Rosters set for opening day.  
**Oct. 27** — Start of 2009-10 regular season.  
**Jan. 5** — 10-day contracts may be signed.  
**Jan. 10** — Contracts guaranteed for remainder of season.  
**Feb. 12-15** — All-Star weekend, Dallas.  
**Feb. 18** — Trade deadline, 3 p.m. EST.  
**April 14** — Regular season ends.  
**April 17** — Playoffs begin.  
**April 25** — Early entry deadline.  
**May 18** — Draft lottery.  
**June 3** — NBA Finals begin.  
**June 14** — Early entry withdrawal deadline.  
**June 24** — NBA Draft.







## HIGH SCHOOL: FOOTBALL ROUNDUP &amp; SCOREBOARD

# Subs step up in Yokota's win over Kubasaki

By DAVE ORNAUER  
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Diminutive at 5 feet 5 and 125 pounds but a giant on the football field, senior two-way star Rainey Daley is what coach Tim Pujol terms "one of the toughest players for us to replace" in case of injury.

That's what Yokota did when Daley went down with a first-quarter ankle injury: Find players to plug in on offense, defense and special teams. Five players filled those spots, and Gerald McCloud scored two touchdowns as Yokota downed Kubasaki of Okinawa 21-7 on Saturday at Yokota's Bonk Field.

"It took a collective effort to replace the little 'Choo-Choo,'" Pujol said of Daley.

Seniors Ross Matsumoto and Anthony Mills spelled Daley on special teams, junior Gabe Huizar plugged in at middle linebacker, while senior Gabe Morrow slid over to defensive tackle in Huizar's spot, and senior Kevin Eckert ran nine times for 54 yards in Daley's fullback spot.

That was far from enough, Pujol said, particularly after a second quarter in which the Panthers (4-0) turned the ball over on three straight possessions and appeared listless at times.

"Kubasaki came out with an energy to play the game. I didn't see that in our guys" in the second quarter, Pujol said. "In the third quarter, they came through with energy and emotion. It looked like a different team."

McCloud paced the Panthers with 55 yards on 13 carries. Bradley Forbes had 35 yards on 14 attempts. DeEric Harvin was just 4-for-10 for 24 yards, and Yokota was held to a season-low 189 yards.

McCloud scored on runs of 5 and 35 yards to snap a 7-7 halftime tie. Harvin hit Forbes with a 2-yard first-quarter TD pass, only to watch the Dragons (0-3) promptly tie it on Josh Bales' 8-yard scoring run.

The Dragons did little beyond that. Bales led both teams with 83 yards on 16 carries, but the Dragons



DAVE ORNAUER/Stars and Stripes

**Yokota's Gerald McCloud slips through the grasp of Kubasaki's A.J. Watson on Saturday at Yokota Air Base, Japan. The Panthers won 21-7.**

managed just 90 net offensive yards. Jalal Patton intercepted two passes and Michael Colon recovered a fumble for Kubasaki.

"We came back nicely, got some points to get it even and forced errors on their part," Kubasaki coach Fred Bales said. "We just didn't capitalize. Mental errors and ball security, things we've been working on. ... We made too many mistakes to win tonight. We have to work to eliminate those mistakes."

Yokota took a 2-1 lead in the annual interconference series.

Yokota next hosts Nile C. Kinnick on Friday. A victory would give the Panthers a berth in the Class AA playoff semifinal Nov. 9 on Okinawa. Kubasaki has the week off and will travel Oct. 3 to Kinnick for another non-conference game.

## Football

### DODEA Japan

	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Yokota	3	0	1.000	125	25
Zama American	2	1	.667	93	79
Robert D. Edgren	1	2	.333	81	82
Nile C. Kinnick	0	3	.000	33	147
Kanto Plain					
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
ASIJ	1	0	1.000	45	6
Yokota	1	0	1.000	28	12
Zama American	1	1	.500	53	55
Nile C. Kinnick	0	2	.000	33	86

### Friday's games

Zama 41, Kinnick 27

Amer. School In Japan 23, Edgren 13

### Saturday's game

Yokota 21, Kubasaki (Okinawa) 7

### Friday, Sept. 25

Kinnick at Yokota, 7 p.m.

ASIJ at Zama, 7 p.m.

### DODEA Korea

	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Osan American	1	0	1.000	12	0
Daegu American	1	0	1.000	22	20
Seoul American	0	2	.000	20	34

### Saturday's game

Daegu 22, Seoul American 20

### Friday, Sept. 25

Osan vs. Daegu at Kelly Field, Camp Walker, 6 p.m.

### Okinawa

	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Kadena	2	0	1.000	77	10
Kubasaki	0	2	.000	10	77

### Saturday's game

Yokota (Japan) 21, Kubasaki 7

### Saturday, Oct. 3

Kubasaki at Nile C. Kinnick (Japan), 7 p.m.

### Guam

	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Geo. Washington	4	0	1.000	172	7
Guam High	2	1	.667	27	40
Father Duenas	2	1	.667	51	26
John F. Kennedy	2	1	.667	27	38
Simon Sanchez	1	2	.333	10	37
Southern	0	2	.000	6	69
Okkodo	0	4	.000	0	76

### Friday's game

George Washington 70, Okkodo 0

### Saturday's games

John F. Kennedy 19, Simon Sanchez 8

Father Duenas 21, Southern 6

### Friday, Sept. 25

Guam High vs. Father Duenas at George Washington High School, 7 p.m.

### Saturday, Sept. 26

George Washington vs. Simon Sanchez at Okkodo High School, 3 p.m.

Southern at John F. Kennedy, 3 p.m.

## Japan

### Cross country

### Saturday's results

Zama Invitational Cross-Country Meet

At Trojans Field, Zama American High School, and Dewey Park, Camp Zama

### Boys team scores

1, Christian Academy in Japan, 45; 2, American School in Japan, 49; 3, St. Mary's International, 80; 4, Nile C. Kinnick, 95; 5, Yokota, 135; 6, Robert D. Edgren, 154; 7, Yokohama International, 180; 8, St. Maur International, 220; 9, Zama American, incomplete team.

## Boys individual results

1, Soren Rasmussen, ASIJ, 18 minutes, 47.9 seconds  
2, Sam Krauth, ASIJ, 18:52.9  
3, Seikichi Kuma, CAJ, 19:10.5  
4, Jared Johnson, CAJ, 19:42.0  
5, Kelly Langley, St. Mary's, 19:42.3  
6, Christian Heimlich, Yokota, 19:44.2  
7, Jesse Arnold, Kinnick, 19:53.2  
8, Masanori Yoshida, St. Mary's, 19:54.5  
9, Tsubasa Kaneko, CAJ, 20:00.5  
10, Marcus Boehler, Kinnick, 20:02.4

## Girls team scores

1, American School in Japan, 34; 2, Seisen International, 81; 3, Yokota, 89; 4, Yokohama International, 105; 5, International School of the Sacred Heart, 122; 6, St. Maur International, 160; 7, Robert D. Edgren, 166; 8, Christian Academy in Japan, 183; 9, Nile C. Kinnick, 189; 10, Zama American, incomplete team.

## Girls individual results

1, Hikari Morimoto, CAJ, 23 minutes, 37.6 seconds  
2, Bessie Noll, ASIJ, 23:41.6  
3, Emiri Dandoy, ASIJ, 23:45.3  
4, Isabelle Ballet, ISSH, 23:51.2  
5, Kana Maeji, ASIJ, 23:54.3  
6, Megan Cooney, Kinnick, 24:02.6  
7, Fumi Kurihara, Seisen, 24:12.1  
8, Arisa Ishikawa, ASIJ, 24:23.7  
9, Kelenia Mobley, Yokota, 24:46.6  
10, Theresa Kern, Seisen, 24:57.1

## Tennis

### Saturday's results

### At Tokyo

### Boys

St. Mary's Int'l 4, Yokohama Int'l 1  
Singles  
Stephan Byland, SMIS, def. Eduardo Maniquez 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (7-1)

Jack Cavanagh, SMIS, def. Til Almer 6-2, 6-1  
ChaeYoung Moon, SMIS, def. Kimi Judd 6-3, 7-6 (8-6)

### Doubles

Saman Herath and Ken Tsukasa, SMIS, def. Tomohiro Miyawaki and Kazuma Watanabe 6-4, 6-2

Arthur Pommersheim and Matthias Deruyver, SMIS, def. DongKyun Woo and Takashi Kanauumi 6-4, 7-6

### Girls volleyball

Saturday's summary  
Robert D. Edgren def. Yokota 25-14, 25-15, 25-23

At Misawa Air Base  
Edgren-Jessica Bergman 6 spike kills, 5 service aces, 5 block points. Da'Pree Davis 9 spike kills, 4 block points.

Friday's summaries  
Robert D. Edgren def. Yokota 25-19, 25-21, 25-16

At Misawa Air Base  
Edgren-Jessica Bergman 13 spike kills. Da'Pree Davis 5 defensive digs.

American School in Japan def. International School of the Sacred Heart 25-27, 29-27, 25-17, 25-21

### At Tokyo

Spike kills-ASIJ, Nina O'Leary 15 in 29 attempts. Kiko Porte 12 in 24 attempts. Serving-ASIJ, Nina O'Leary 25-for-27, 10 aces.

# Steady: Brees nearly reached Marino's season record in '08

## STEADY, FROM BACK PAGE

Brees' yards passing have increased in each of the past five seasons, going back to his final two years in San Diego, even though the labrum in his throwing shoulder was torn in a scrum over a loose ball in late 2005. His 13,910 yards during the past three seasons lead all NFL quarterbacks.

In 2008, his 5,069 yards passing made him only the second NFL quarterback to pass for 5,000 yards and left him one decent completion short of Dan Marino's 1984 record of 5,084. He challenged that mark while playing for an 8-8 team beset by injuries to key receivers such as Marques Colston and tight end Jeremy Shockey. For that, he was recognized as The Associated Press offensive player of the year.

"He's the best, and people are going to look at me and say, 'Didn't you play with Brett Favre?'" said Saints safety Darren Sharper, the active NFL leader in interceptions with 56. "I don't think Brett will feel as though this is a knock on him. ... (Brees) is the best I've been around, just as far as being smart with the football, reading the field, vision, making smart throws, accuracy. Going against him in practice, I was getting so frustrated because I couldn't get a chance to intercept it."

Few underestimate Brees now, but that wasn't always the case. Although the Austin, Texas, native won a state high school

championship, the hometown Texas Longhorns weren't interested, nor were many of college football's powerhouses. Despite twice being a Heisman Trophy finalist and leading Purdue to its first Rose Bowl in more than three decades, Brees was a second-round draft choice. At 6 feet, he's short for an NFL quarterback, and his transition to the pros wasn't easy.

In his third NFL season, he threw more interceptions than touchdowns and was benched. During the next NFL draft, the Chargers acquired Philip Rivers. Brees had two more mostly successful years in San Diego, but was released soon after his shoulder injury.

When Sean Payton took his first NFL head coaching job in New Orleans in 2006, he wanted a quarterback with passing and leadership skills. He was convinced Brees was the guy, and no one now questions the Saints' decision to sign him to a six-year, \$60 million free-agent contract.

Saints players speak reverently of how Brees sets an example at club headquarters by arriving early, staying late, sometimes showing up on days off and often working with receivers on pass patterns after practice. If players want to suggest a change in any team routine, they go through Brees.

"I didn't know how great he was until I got here and saw what he commands out of this team and the stuff that he does," said

fullback Heath Evans, who played with Brady in New England. "He's the captain of the ship. As he goes, we go, and he knows everything."

"There's two people in this league that are in his class, and that's Tom Brady and Peyton Manning — and that's it."

Nationally, Brees might not be New Orleans' most popular sports figure. Hornets star Chris Paul, with his own Jordan shoe brand and new children's book, probably holds that distinction.

In New Orleans, however, Brees probably could win next year's mayoral election.

"Is it me, or is it Drew Brees in New Orleans? It's Drew Brees if you ask me," said Paul, who attended Brees' six-touchdown performance last Sunday. "The thing is, the Saints — they've been having a few up and down years — but Drew definitely doesn't get the national recognition he deserves."

Brees understands that greatness and fame do not always run on parallel tracks, which is fine with him. He values his privacy and carefully courts publicity as it helps him accomplish his goals.

However famous Brees becomes, he said, "I want to be considered that way because people respect the way I play the game and respect what I try to do in the community and respect the person I try to be."

That approach has helped him raise more than \$2 million for rebuilding proj-

ects in New Orleans. It's helped him fix playgrounds, schools and athletic fields damaged by Hurricane Katrina. It's provided him a chance to see the world while supporting American soldiers on USO tours to the Middle East. It's helped him rebuild homes with Habitat for Humanity, raise money for Children's Hospital, and the list goes on.

Although Brees credits teammates and coaches for his success on the field, the quarterback gets a little more boastful about his charitable endeavors. He points out that nearly 100 percent of donations to the Brees Dream foundation go to causes they support. The foundation has no fixed overhead, Brees noted, because it is run by him, wife Brittany and one employee whom Brees pays out of his marketing income.

Brees also belongs to a group called the Quarterback Club, a collection of community leaders who meet periodically to prioritize service projects in New Orleans and discuss ways to raise money for them.

As for a future in politics, Brees sidesteps the question and steps up into the pocket.

"I'm not ready for that," he said. "I'll never say never, but I hope to be [playing football] for a long time."

On the Net: <http://www.drewbrees.com>



## Sports briefs

# Official apologizes for denying knowledge of runner's gender test

The Associated Press

PRETORIA, South Africa — South Africa's top track official apologized Saturday for denying knowledge of gender tests done on runner Caster Semenya in the country, saying he lied to protect the athlete's privacy.

Athletics South Africa president Leonard Chuene told reporters that his constant denials of the tests, which he said he was aware of when they were done in early August, were an "error of judgment" and that he never meant to "deceive" the public.

South African officials repeatedly said tests were done on the 800-meter world champion only abroad, not in South Africa.

"I can no longer stand before you and say that I am not aware of gender tests conducted on Caster Semenya," Chuene said. "I felt that at the time I was acting in the best interests of Caster Semenya as a person. I believed at the time my consistent denials would help protect her."

The International Association of Athletics Federations ordered more tests done on the runner in Berlin, saying questions had been raised about her muscular physique and recent stunning improvement in times.

It has refused to confirm or deny Australian media reports that Semenya has both male and female characteristics, saying it is reviewing test results and will issue a decision in November on whether the athlete will be allowed to compete in women's events.

Chuene said tests had been done at a Pretoria hospital on Aug. 7 at the behest of the IAAF, adding that it was unclear whether Semenya was informed of the nature of the examinations.

## Jerry Rice, Emmitt Smith on Hall of Fame list

CANTON, Ohio — Jerry Rice and Emmitt Smith headline the preliminary list of modern-era nominees for induction next year in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

The list released Saturday includes 131 players, coaches and contributors.

Hall of Fame selectors will choose 25 semifinalists by Nov. 27, and 15 finalists by Jan. 7. Voting will be Feb. 6, the day before the Super Bowl.

Other modern-era nominees are Tim Brown, Herschel Walker, Cris Carter, Andre Reed and Sterling Sharp. Former commissioner Paul Tagliabue is also on the list. They join two previously announced senior nominees, former Detroit Lions cornerback Dick LeBeau and former Detroit Broncos running back Floyd Little.

In other NFL news:

■ The league fined Arizona Cardinals safety Adrian Wilson \$10,000 for a hit on San Francisco receiver Vernon Davis last Sunday.

Last season, Wilson was fined

\$25,000 for a hit that knocked Buffalo quarterback Trent Edwards out of a game. In 2007, Wilson was fined for a late hit and a horse collar tackle.

## Big Ten suspends Michigan LB for punch

PARK RIDGE, Ill. — Michigan linebacker Jonas Mouton was suspended by the Big Ten Conference for one game for punching a Notre Dame player during last week's game.

Video of the incident during Saturday's 38-34 Wolverines victory in Ann Arbor, Mich., spread on the Internet. Mouton appeared to punch lineman Eric Olsen under the chin as they got up from the turf following a play midway through the second quarter.

On Friday, Big Ten commissioner James Delaney called the punch "unacceptable."

Michigan coach Rich Rodriguez said he didn't see the punch and planned no discipline against Mouton. The Big Ten said the school accepted the suspension.

## Cavaliers' West arrested on weapons charges

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. — Cleveland Cavaliers guard DeLonte West was arrested Thursday after officers pulled him over for speeding on a motorcycle while carrying two loaded handguns and a loaded shotgun in a guitar case.

West was riding north on the Capital Beltway in Upper Marlboro when he cut off an officer, who pulled him over.

Police said a handgun was found in his pocket, another in his pant leg and a shotgun in a guitar case strapped to his back.

Spokeswoman Michelle Reedy said West "was very cooperative, there were no issues."

## Valero says fight off because of visa issues

CARACAS, Venezuela — Edwin Valero won't be able to defend his WBC lightweight title on the undercard of Manny Pacquiao's fight against Miguel Cotto because of visa issues.

Valero said his U.S. visa wasn't renewed in time for the Nov. 14 fight in Las Vegas. He said he's planning to stage and compete in an event Dec. 12 in Caracas. It will be backed by private businesses as well as President Hugo Chavez's government.

Valero alleged in a statement Friday that he's been the victim of "an act of discrimination" because of his sympathy for Chavez's socialist government.

Chavez is a fierce critic of U.S. policy in Latin America.

In other boxing news:

■ Two-time Olympic gold medalist Guillermo Rigondeaux stopped Brazil's Giovanni Andrade in three rounds. Rigondeaux, who defected from Cuba this year, was the superior fighter in the scheduled 10-round super bantamweight bout.

## AP Top 25 football

# Boise State answers it all

By JOSH DUBOW  
The Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — The offenses barely had a chance to rest before the other team responded with a big play. It was a classic game of "can you top this?" between Boise State and Fresno State, with the Broncos digging up just enough game-busters to win their Western Athletic Conference opener.

Jeremy Avery had three plays longer than 60 yards and Titus Young scored two touchdowns, providing some of the many high-light-reel plays in No. 10 Boise State's 51-34 victory over the Bulldogs on Friday night.

The teams combined for 85 points, 987 yards and eight TD drives of three plays or fewer in a game that brought back memories of the old wide-open WAC. "A lot of playmakers making plays out there," Boise State QB Kellen Moore said. "Good running backs on both sides making plays out of nothing and breaking tackles here and there."

The biggest stars of the game were Avery, with 269 yards from scrimmage, and Fresno State's Ryan Mathews, who had three touchdown runs of longer than 60 yards and gained 234 in all. Avery was involved in the two momentum-shifting plays that ended up being the difference for the Broncos (3-0, 1-0). He ran 74 yards before fumbling at the 1-yard line, only to be saved when Young dived on the ball before it would have rolled out of the end zone for a touchback. Then, one play after Marvin Haynes dropped a poten-



Boise State's Titus Young, who scored two touchdowns, leaps over Fresno State's Deshaun Dunn for a gain in the first half of Friday night's game. No. 10 Boise State did Fresno State one better all night on the way to a 51-34 victory.

GARY KAZANJIAN/AP

tial interception for the Bulldogs (1-2, 0-1), Avery took a swing pass from Moore and went 67 yards for the TD that gave Boise a 48-34 lead.

Those plays helped the Broncos win for the 57th time in 59 conference games and keep alive their hopes of returning to a Bowl Championship Series game.

Fresno State rallied from a 24-3 deficit but still lost its 10th straight against ranked teams. The skid started with a 50-42 loss to No. 1 USC in 2005. This game provided the appropriate book-

end. "Every time we closed the gap, Boise, to their credit, would make a big play," Bulldogs coach Pat Hill said. "When it looked like we would have a chance to get the ball back, bang, they'd make a play."

The Broncos had two 77-yard kickoff returns, an interception return for a touchdown, a 60-yard touchdown run by D.J. Harper, and the big plays from Avery. Fresno State had plenty of big plays of its own, starting with the TD runs of 69, 60 and 68 yards by Mathews.

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL: AP TOP 25

**No. 5 Penn State 31, Temple 6:** At State College, Pa., Evan Royster ran for 134 yards and a touchdown as Penn State revived its rushing attack.

Royster had 119 yards by halftime, including the 7-yard scoring run that gave the Nittany Lions a 14-3 lead late in the second quarter.

Daryll Clark threw for 167 yards and two scores as Penn State won its 27th consecutive game against its in-state rival.

Although its run blocking improved, coach Joe Paterno's squad put on an otherwise uninspiring performance against another overmatched nonconference opponent.

Clark didn't look sharp at times and endured several big hits from Temple defenders.

With two field goals, Temple scored more points against Penn State than in the three previous games combined.

**No. 8 California 35, Minnesota 21:** At Minneapolis, Jahvid Best wouldn't allow California's road troubles to continue.

Best rushed for 131 yards and a school-record five touchdowns to lift the Golden Bears.

Kevin Riley overcame a shaky start to finish with 252 yards for Cal (3-0), which had lost eight of its past nine on the road, including four in a row to end last season.

Eric Decker caught eight passes for 119 yards and two touchdowns and threw a TD pass for the Golden Gophers (2-1), who gave Cal everything it could handle in their new stadium. Minnesota returned to playing on campus after years of calling the Metrodome home.

Adam Weber threw a costly interception late in the game and Best had too much speed for the Gophers, who were in search of their first victory over a top-10 team at home since beating No. 1 Michigan in 1977.

On Cal's opening drive, Best burst through the middle, cut right and then leaped from the 3-yard line over a defender and into the end zone to cap an electrifying, 33-yard run. Best capped his historic day with a 2-yard sprint to the corner.

**No. 11 Ohio State 38, Toledo 0:** At Cleveland, Terrelle Pryor hooked up with Dane Sanzenbacher on two touchdown passes early in the game, and Ohio State defused Toledo's high-scoring spread attack at Cleveland Browns Stadium.

It was a resounding response after a week of criticism and sniping in the wake of an 18-15 loss to No. 3 Southern California.

Leading an Ohio State (2-1) offense that was relatively punchless a week earlier, Pryor feasted on a Toledo unit giving up 45 points and almost 500 yards a game.

He passed for three scores, completing 17 of 28 passes for 262 yards, including a 76-yard strike to Sanzenbacher on the Buckeyes' third offensive play and an 18-yard touchdown on their next possession. He also ran for 110 yards on 12 carries, including a touchdown.

Toledo (1-2) QB Aaron Opelt, who came in leading the nation in total offense with 437 yards a game, was harried all day.

— The Associated Press



DAVE MARTIN/AP

Alabama's Terrence Cody makes sure North Texas receiver Darius Carey isn't going anywhere during Saturday's game. The No. 3 Crimson Tide's defense stymied the Mean Green all game.

# Tide rock 'n' roll

## No. 3 Bama overwhelms North Texas for a 53-7 victory

By JOHN ZENOR  
The Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Greg McElroy passed for two touchdowns and rushed for one before sitting out most of the second half Saturday in No. 4 Alabama's 53-7 college football victory over North Texas.

Mark Ingram ran for 91 yards and a TD on eight carries, and scored on a 29-yard reception for the Crimson Tide (3-0) in their final pre-SEC tuneup before Arkansas visits. Freshman Trent Richardson added 87 yards and a touchdown, and Terry Grant scored twice and gained 79 yards.

It was the highest-scoring game for Alabama since a 56-3 triumph over Louisiana Tech in 1993, six head coaches ago.

Star receiver Julio Jones missed the game because of a bruised right knee, and the subs got plenty of action after Bama raced to a 30-0 halftime lead. With starting quarterback Riley Dodge out because of a separated non-throwing shoulder, North Texas (1-2) was outgained 523-187.

McElroy completed 13 of 15 passes for 176 yards, including the 29-yarder to Ingram and a 34-yard touchdown pass to Marquis Maze before leaving after one drive in the third quarter. He ran for a 2-yard score against a team led by his high school coach, Todd Dodge.

Backup Star Jackson led a field-goal drive in the

final 2:08 of the first half and was 9 of 13 passing for 87 yards, the first pass attempts of his career.

The only downers for Alabama: a game-opening fumble by McElroy and Leigh Tiffin's two missed extra points.

North Texas junior Nathan Tune was 16-for-23 for 126 yards and a touchdown in his first start, but got little help from a run game stymied by the Tide's massive defensive front seven.

North Texas managed just 61 yards rushing — most of it in the fourth quarter — and got seven carries for 8 yards from leading rusher Cam Montgomery.

The Tide was without tailback Roy Upchurch (high ankle sprain) and Jones, who dressed but didn't play. Upchurch watched in sweats. Their absence didn't seem to slow the offense much.

Bama converted 10 of 14 third-down plays and collected 28 first downs to seven for the Mean Green. The assortment of backs routinely sprung free for nice gains up the middle.

The Tide's Javier Arenas had a huge second half with punt returns of 36 and 33 yards and a 61-yard kick return to set up three scores.

Alabama had six consecutive scoring drives after McElroy lost a fumble on the game's first play from scrimmage, starting with a 13-play, 95-yard march.

The Tide had 11 plays of 10-plus yards in the first half.

**No. 22 Kansas 44, Duke 16:** At Lawrence, Kan., Todd Reesing threw three touchdown passes and Maxwell Onyegbule returned an interception 48 yards for a score, enabling Kansas to shake off a sluggish start.

Kansas (3-0) found itself trailing 7-0 after Thad Lewis engineered a two-play, 87-yard drive on Duke's first possession.

The 22-point underdog Blue Devils (1-2) kept it tied 7-7 into the second quarter before Reesing began finding his touch.

The senior wound up hitting 28 of 41 passes for 338 yards, the 14th 300-yard day in a career that has erased almost every school passing record.

Dezmon Briscoe had six catches for 117 yards, including a 14-yard TD reception.

Kerry Meier stretched and made a diving catch of Reesing's 6-yard TD pass for a 20-17 lead 76 seconds before halftime, and freshman Toben Oporum scored two touchdowns.

Reesing set up Kansas' fifth touchdown with a dancing, dodging, acrobatic, scramble during which he had one hand on the ground while eluding a would-be sacker.

He took it 17 yards to the 4, and Oporum scored on the next play. Reesing, who finished with 51 yards rushing, had several passes dropped.

**No. 24 North Carolina 31, East Carolina 17:** At Chapel Hill, N.C., T.J. Yates threw for two touchdowns and freshman receiver Erik Highsmith had a big game for the Tar Heels.

Highsmith had six catches for 113 yards and a score for the Tar Heels, who are 3-0 for the first time since going 8-0 in 1997.

His big day included two key catches to move the chains on the Tar Heels' clock-draining drive that ended on Ryan Houston's 5-yard score with 1:58 left in the game.

Jheranie Boyd also had a jugling 59-yard touchdown grab for his first collegiate catch, and North Carolina got a solid effort from its young offense to complement another strong performance from its defense.

East Carolina (1-2) got a TD catch from Jamar Bryant and a TD run from Dwayne Harris, but finished with just 247 total yards.

**No. 25 Michigan 45, Eastern Michigan 17:** At Ann Arbor, Mich., Carlos Brown had a 90-yard touchdown run and a career-high 187 yards rushing for the Wolverines.

Freshman Tate Forcier had a lackluster day after two spectacular games for Michigan (3-0).

He was 7-for-13 for 68 yards and left the game briefly in the second half after getting hit by two Eagles.

Freshman quarterback Denard Robinson scored on two TD runs, but the freshman also threw two interceptions.

Eastern Michigan (0-3) lost to Northwestern last week on a late field goal and gave up more than 300 yards rushing to Army in its opener. Senior quarterback Andy Schmitt appeared to hurt his right knee in the fourth quarter. He was 13-for-22 for 97 yards and an interception, and ran for a score.

— The Associated Press



## AL roundup

## Twins win fifth straight, get within three of Tigers

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Might the Minnesota Twins be better off with Justin Morneau cheering from the bench?

It's probably a silly suggestion, but they've sure been playing well while he's out.

Michael Cuddyer's two-run homer and Brian Duensing's stellar start energized the Twins in a 3-0 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Friday night to move Minnesota within three games of the AL Central lead.

The stress fracture in Morneau's lower back has ended his season, but the absence of the All-Star first baseman hasn't stopped this team. He was actually in a severe second-half slump. Since switching from right field to first base, Cuddyer is 9-for-20 with three homers and 10 RBIs, and the Twins have won five straight.

"When the season's over and we look back, we can really realize how big of a loss it is," Cuddyer said. "Right now we don't have time to really worry about that. We've just got to continue plugging away. Credit to him: He's down there being the biggest cheerleader he can be."

Duensing (4-1) left the mound to a rousing ovation after giving up two infield singles among just four hits and one walk over 6 1/3 innings. Jose Mijares, Jon Rauch and Joe Nathan finished.

Showing his age, Duensing wasn't sure about protocol. Tip his cap to acknowledge the crowd, or just keep walking? That was the only sign of his rookie status,



PAUL BATTAGLIA/AP

**The Minnesota Twins' Michael Cuddyer connects for a two-run homer off the Detroit Tigers' Rick Porcello in the fourth inning Friday in Minneapolis. Cuddyer is 9-for-20 with three homers and 10 RBIs since taking over at first base for Justin Morneau, who is out for the rest of the season with a stress fracture in his lower back.**

though. He pitched with the poise of a seasoned pro and is 4-0 with a 1.70 ERA in seven starts.

"He wasn't scared of any of those guys," Cuddyer said. "He went out there, pounded the strike zone. That was huge, and hopefully he can continue to be huge for us."

Rick Porcello (13-9) pitched well for the Tigers over six innings, but made two mistakes. Kubel, who is 7-for-8 against the 20-year-old right-hander, singled with one out in the fourth before Cuddyer's big hit.

This is the closest the Twins (75-72) have been to first place since Aug. 2. They're 6-1 at home this year against Detroit.

As the Tigers (78-69) have

stumbled since Labor Day, failing to get their bats going and take advantage of the assorted problems bothering the Twins and Chicago White Sox, the AL Central has become the one division in baseball with an actual pennant race. These teams play twice more this weekend and four times in Detroit during the final week of the season.

**Red Sox 3, Orioles 1:** Clay Buchholz pitched six innings of five-hit ball as visiting Boston beat Baltimore for the sixth straight time. Jason Bay hit his team-high 34th home run for the Red Sox, who have won eight of nine to take command in the AL wild-card race. Victor Martinez had a single and double to stretch his

hitting streak to 17 games. Buchholz (6-3) is 5-0 with a 2.80 ERA in seven starts since Aug. 13.

Jeremy Guthrie (10-15) yielded three runs and nine hits in 5 2/3 innings, falling to 0-3 in four starts against Boston this season.

**Mariners 3, Yankees 2:** Ichiro Suzuki hit a two-out, two-run walkoff homer off New York closer Mariano Rivera. Pinch-hitter Mike Sweeney hit a two-out double to deep right-center field. Suzuki then jumped on the first pitch from Rivera (3-3) for his 10th homer of the season and second straight game-winning hit.

It was Rivera's second blown save of the season.

Felix Hernandez (16-5) pitched a seven-hitter.

**Athletics 2, Indians 1:** Brett Anderson pitched six shutout innings and struck out 10 to help host Oakland win its fifth straight and 10th in 12.

Jeff Gray and Craig Breslow pitched one scoreless inning apiece and Brad Ziegler worked the ninth to complete the six-hitter and record his seventh save.

Nomar Garciaparra hit an RBI double off David Huff (10-8) in the third and Mark Ellis singled to make it 2-0.

**Rays 11, Blue Jays 4:** James Shields won at home for the first time in more than three months,

and eight straight hitters reached base for host Tampa Bay to start a six-run third inning.

Shields (10-11), 0-5 in his previous 10 starts at home, gave up four runs and nine hits in six innings. Evan Longoria hit his 31st homer and had three RBIs for the AL champs, who won for just the third time in 16 games.

Scott Richmond (6-10) was pulled after allowing five consecutive hits to start the third.

**Royals 11, White Sox 0:** Luke Hochevar pitched a three-hitter for his first career shutout and Miguel Olivo hit two two-run homers and drove in six runs for visiting Kansas City.

Hochevar (7-10) allowed just three singles and struck out five, winning for the first time in eight decisions. Mark Buehrle (12-9) allowed five runs and seven hits in six-plus innings.

**Angels 2, Rangers 0:** Scott Kazmir pitched six scoreless innings to get his first victory for AL West-leading Los Angeles and Vladimir Guerrero homered to drop host Texas a season-high 7 1/2 games back in the division.

Kazmir (9-8) lowered his ERA to 1.42 in four starts since being acquired Aug. 28 from Tampa Bay. Tommy Hunter (8-4) struck out five and walked four in five innings.

## Service academies

## Army (2-1) clips Cardinals' wings

The Associated Press

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Donovan Travis returned his second interception 18 yards for the go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter and Army defeated Ball State 24-17 on Saturday.

Travis picked off a pass from Cardinals quarterback Kelly Page with 6:41 remaining and sprinted into the end zone to break a 17-17 tie. Page completed 12 of 24 passes for 154 yards, but had three intercepted as Ball State fell to 0-3.

Army (2-1) grabbed the lead with an 80-yard drive on its first possession, capped by Jameson Carter's 1-yard touchdown run. The Black Knights didn't trail thereafter despite six fumbles.

Quarterback Trent Steelman completed three of seven passes for 58 yards, the big play a 24-yard scoring pass to Alejandro Villanueva that gave Army a 17-10 halftime lead. Mario Hill's interception set up the Army scoring drive.



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**Army's Jameson Carter is pursued by Ball State's Sean Baker during Saturday's game at West Point.**

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Matt Holliday, left, and Brendan Ryan celebrate with a chest bump after Holliday's homer in the bottom of the ninth gave the St. Louis Cardinals a 3-2 victory over the Chicago Cubs on Friday night.

## Holliday's home run lifts Cards over Cubs

By R.B. FALLSTROM  
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Matt Holliday's scuffles are over. Same goes for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Holliday homered off Aaron Heilman leading off the bottom of the ninth inning for a 3-2 victory over the Chicago Cubs on Friday night that reduced the Cardinals' magic number for clinching the NL Central to six.

The Cardinals had lost five of their previous six, ensuring they wouldn't be able to celebrate during a nine-game homestand that ends Sunday.

The team's slump and his personal struggles were no big deal for Holliday even if he had failed in the ninth. He was 6-for-29 overall and had not appeared to be seeing the ball well while going 1-for-9 the previous two games against the Florida Marlins.

"At some point you figure we were going to lose a few," Holliday said. "I can't believe people expected us to win four out of five games the entire last two months."

Holliday's liner off a 3-1 pitch from Heilman (3-4) landed in the Cardinals' bullpen beyond the right-field wall for his 24th homer this season, his third career game-winning homer and second this year. The Cardinals are 9-5 against the second-place Cubs, clinching the season series for the first time since 2004.

Heilman was happy with the location on a fastball away, if not the result.

"Evidently it's never a good pitch when it goes over the fence," Heilman said. "It's a tough way to lose."

Holliday has 13 homers and 49 RBIs in 50 games with the Cardinals. He had 11 homers, 54 RBIs and hit .286 in 93 games with the Oakland Athletics.

Manager Tony La Russa was not surprised when Holliday came through.

"He just hit it absolutely perfect, as pure as you can hit it," he said. "If you hit great all the time, you hit .400 or .500, and nobody does that."

Ted Lilly allowed two runs in 7<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings for Chicago, his seventh straight strong start since coming off the disabled list from a shoulder injury. He's 3-1 with a 1.53 ERA over that stretch and his NL-high 44 victories the last three seasons is one more than Cardinals 18-game winner Adam Wainwright, who pitches Sunday in the series finale.

Lilly said his changeup betrayed him in the fifth, on Ryan Ludwick's single on an 0-2 count, and again on Mark DeRosa's RBI triple.

Ryan Franklin (3-3) struck out two and picked off Ryan Theriot, his first since August 2007, to end the ninth. Kyle McClellan struck out four in the seventh and eighth for St. Louis, allowing a walk.

With one out in the first John Smoltz gave up consecutive doubles to Kosuke Fudome, Derrek Lee and Aramis Ramirez for a 2-0 lead. Lee's 64 RBIs since July 1 lead the majors and Ramirez has 21 RBIs in 21 games.

Smoltz, pitching on 10 days' rest after a bout of shoulder tendinitis, allowed only three singles in his last five innings to keep it close.

### SCOREBOARD, FROM PAGE 30

Cardinals 3, Cubs 2									
Chicago					St. Louis				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Theriot ss	5	0	2	0	Lugo 2b	3	0	1	0
Fukuda cf-1b	3	1	1	0	Franklin p	0	0	0	0
D. Lee 1b	4	1	1	1	Rasmus cf	4	0	1	0
ArRmr 3b	2	0	1	1	Pujols 1b	4	0	0	0
MHffpr rf	3	0	0	0	Holliday lf	4	1	1	1
Miles ph	0	0	0	0	Ludwick rf	3	1	1	0
Fuld cf	0	0	0	0	DeRosa 3b	3	1	1	1
Soto c	4	0	2	0	YMolin c	3	0	1	0
JeBakr 2b	4	0	2	0	BrRyan ss	2	0	1	0
Scalles lf	3	0	0	0	Smoltz p	2	0	0	0
Lilly p	2	0	0	0	McClain p	0	0	0	0
Gregg p	0	0	0	0	Schmkrph-2b1	0	0	0	0
J.Fox ph	1	0	0	0					
Heilmann p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	31	2	7	2	Totals	29	3	6	3
Chicago					St. Louis				
St. Louis					Chicago				
						200	000	000	-2
						000	020	001	-3
No outs when winning run scored.									
LOB—Chicago 8, St. Louis 4. 2B—Fukuda (32), D. Lee (33), Ar. Ramirez (14), 3B—DeRosa (1). HR—Holliday (13). SB—Lugo 2 (4). S—Miles, Lilly. SF—Br. Ryan.									
IP H R ER BB SO									
Chicago	7 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub>	5	2	2	0	6			
Lilly	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Gregg	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Heilmann L, 3-4	0	1	1	1	0	0			
St. Louis									
Smoltz	6	6	2	2	3	4			
McClellan	2	0	0	0	0	1			
Franklin W, 3-3	1	1	0	0	0	2			
Heilmann pitched to 1 batter in the 9th. HBP—by Lilly (Lugo). T—2:54. A—45,959 (43,975).									

## NL roundup

# Giants outslug Dodgers

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Giants outthrewed the Los Angeles Dodgers, and when it came to pitching, San Francisco's bullpen was better, too.

Eugenio Velez, Pablo Sandoval and Aaron Rowand homered and pinch-hitter Fred Lewis doubled home the go-ahead run with two outs in the sixth inning, giving the Giants an 8-4 victory Friday night in the series opener.

Manny Ramirez and Rafael Furcal homered for Los Angeles, which maintained its five-game lead over Colorado in the NL West when the Rockies lost at Arizona.

The Giants' 80th victory — their most since winning 91 in 2004 — moved them within 2½ games of Colorado in the wild-card race. "Great job the bullpen did picking each other up," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "That's what wins ballgames for you, the bullpen doing its job."

The Giants lost two of three at home to the Dodgers last weekend, when Vicente Padilla was especially effective against them. But he didn't have it this time, giving up four runs and eight hits in five innings, striking out three and walking one.

"He didn't have the same command he had in his last couple of starts, but he still hung around and kept us in the game," catcher Russell Martin said. "It was a tough game, but I didn't think he did a bad job out there."

Lewis doubled over left fielder Ramirez's head, scoring Travis Ishikawa, who doubled and took third on a strikeout and fielder's choice when Rowand was thrown out at first by Martin. Velez doubled in Lewis as the ball again went over Ramirez's head, giving the Giants a 6-4 lead. Velez homered to lead off the game. He entered hitting just .077 in 11 games against Los Angeles this season.

Bob Howry (2-6) got two outs to finish the fifth inning.

San Francisco extended its lead to 4-1 in the third on Sandoval's three-run homer off the first pitch from Padilla after singles by Velez and Freddy Sanchez.

Ramirez homered and drove in three runs as the Dodgers' three-game winning streak ended.

Ramon Troncoso (4-4) allowed two runs and three hits in two-thirds of an inning, striking out one and walking none.

Chad Billingsley made his first relief appearance of the season for the Dodgers after being sent to the bullpen. He gave up a homer to Rowand with two outs in the eighth and an RBI single to Juan Uribe in the ninth.

**Phillies 9, Braves 4:** Ryan Howard homered twice and Jimmy Rollins hit a three-run shot as visiting Philadelphia won its sixth straight and ended Atlanta's seven-game winning streak.

Tim Hudson (1-1) gave up six hits, three runs and one walk with three strikeouts in seven innings.

Kyle Kendrick (2-1) won his second consecutive appearance with four scoreless innings.

**Diamondbacks 7, Rockies 5:**



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

San Francisco's Eugenio Velez celebrates as Los Angeles Dodgers catcher Russell Martin watches him touch home plate after a solo homer in the first inning Friday. The Giants hit three home runs as they opened the three-game series with an 8-4 victory.

Gerardo Parra doubled in the tying and go-ahead runs and Brandon Allen and Ryan Roberts homered as Arizona handed visiting Colorado its fifth loss in six games.

Leo Rosales (2-1) pitched a scoreless seventh. Randy Flores (0-1) faced one batter.

Juan Gutierrez gave up a run in the ninth but stranded the potential tying run at first for his sixth save in seven chances.

**Marlins 4, Reds 3:** John Baker's RBI single highlighted a four-run rally in the ninth inning as Florida snapped its nine-game losing streak at Cincinnati.

The Reds were 57-0 when leading after eight innings, the only NL team left with a perfect mark. Manager Dusty Baker decided to try to protect a 2-0 lead by having closer Francisco Cordero (2-6) pitch for the fifth day in a row.

Brendan Donnelly (3-0) got the victory despite giving up Joey Votto's RBI single in the eighth. Leo Nunez gave up a solo homer to Juan Francisco in the ninth, but got his 23rd save in 29 chances.

**Nationals 6, Mets 5:** Ryan Zimmerman hit his 30th homer and Josh Bard homered and drove in three runs to help visiting Washington knock New York 22 games below .500 for the first time since the end of the 2003 season.

J.D. Martin (5-4) had another solid start, sending the Mets to their sixth straight loss and 10th in 11 games. Mike Pelfrey (10-11) hadn't allowed a home run at home since June 10.

**Pirates 5, Padres 1:** Charlie Morton allowed one run in seven innings, helping Pittsburgh win for only the third time in 20 games. Morton (4-8) had lost six of his past seven decisions but shook off a rough first inning to allow only six hits and a walk.

Tim Stauffer (4-7) gave up three runs on four hits and four walks in three innings.

**Brewers 3, Astros 2:** Casey McGehee singled in the go-ahead

run in the eighth inning and Milwaukee handed visiting Houston its fifth straight loss.

Wesley Wright (3-4) gave up a double to Prince Fielder with one out in the ninth and McGehee hit a run-scoring single off LaTroy Hawkins on the first pitch.

David Weathers (4-5) picked up the victory with a scoreless eighth. Trevor Hoffman pitched the ninth for his 34th save in 37 chances.

In Saturday games: **Padres 2, Pirates 1:** Henry Blanco hit a sacrifice fly in the top of the ninth inning for San Diego.

In a game between teams a combined 49 games under .500, two of the runs were scored without the benefit of a hit. The winner came when Chase Headley reached on an error by second baseman Brian Bixler and Phil Dumatra (0-2) walked the next two batters. Blanco then lofted a fly to deep center off Denny Bautista.

Luke Gregerson (2-3) got three outs to extend his scoreless streak to 17 innings and Heath Bell finished for his 38th save.

Ross Ohlendorf allowed a run and five hits in seven innings for the last-place Pirates, who have lost 18 of 21. San Diego's Clayton Richard yielded four hits and a run in six innings.

**Mets 3, Nationals 2:** At New York, Tim Lincecum pitched into the eighth inning as New York ended a six-game losing streak.

Jeff Francoeur and Daniel Murphy supplied the offense for the Mets, who won for only the second time in 12 games.

Redding (3-6) outpitched left-hander John Lannan (9-12), who tossed complete games in each of his two previous starts against New York this season. Lannan needed only 74 pitches to get through seven innings, but gave up doubles to David Wright and Francoeur for a 2-1 Mets lead. Francoeur later scored on Daniel Murphy's grounder.



## SPORTS

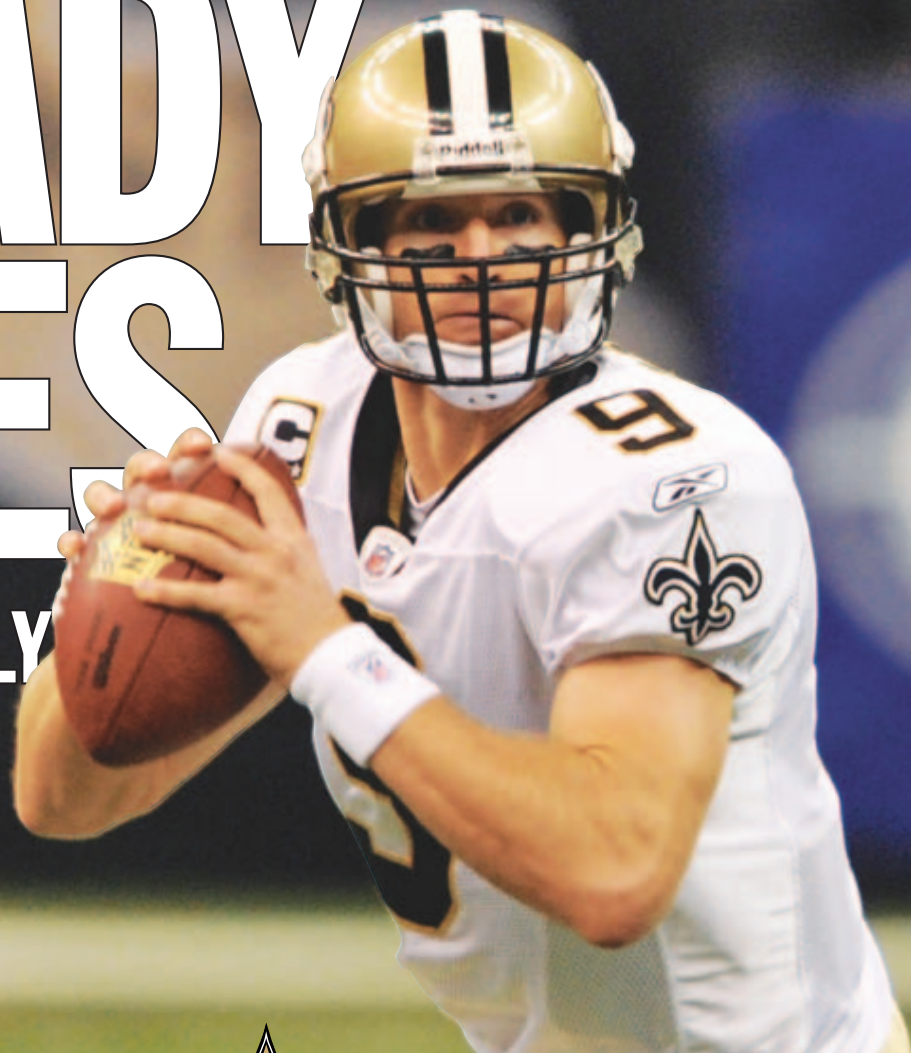
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NFL: PLAYER OF THE WEEK

STEADY  
BREES

SAINTS QB QUIETLY  
DEVELOPS INTO  
ONE OF LEAGUE'S  
BEST PASSERS



By Brett Martel/The Associated Press



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**D**rew Brees inspires awe among players and coaches across pro football.

The paparazzi, entertainment shows and fashion magazines seem less impressed, even if Brees has experimented with longer hair lately.

Unlike Tom Brady, Tony Romo or teammate Reggie Bush, the Saints quarterback, 30, doesn't date celebrities. He's been married for most of the past decade and he and his wife had their first child — a son — last winter.

Brees doesn't capture national endorsement deals on the level of Peyton Manning or Brett Favre, though he is a constant presence on local public service

announcements and at charity events.

The only really gaudy things about Brees are his passing statistics. Based on his six-touchdown, 358-yard performance in the Saints' victory over Detroit, in last weekend's opener, that might not change any time soon.

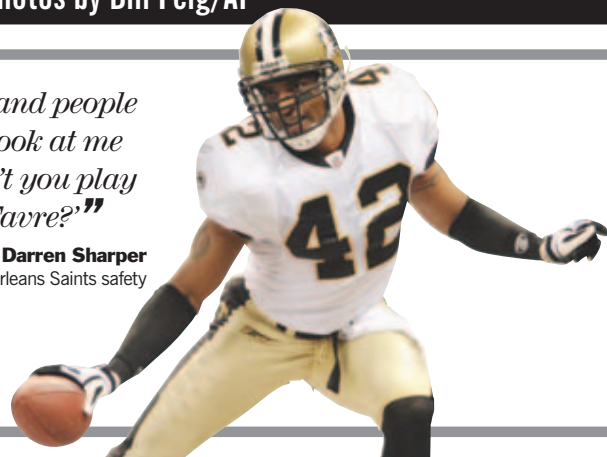
"I could throw 96 touchdowns," Brees joked when asked about the prospect of challenging Brady's record 50 TD tosses in 2007. "I'm on pace, right?"

It's early to talk season records. Yet, in the context of Brees' three seasons since arriving in New Orleans, there's little reason to doubt his ability to approach some of the game's most esteemed passing marks.

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*"He's the best, and people are going to look at me and say, 'Didn't you play with Brett Favre?'"*

**Darren Sharper**  
New Orleans Saints safety



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